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# Swiss Lean Toward Rejection Of a Wider Role in Europe

By Robert L. Kroon  
Special to the Herald Tribune

EMMENTAL, Switzerland — In this picture-perfect Swiss dairy land, European integration is perceived as a mortal threat both to the generous farm subsidies and to age-old traditions.

It is hardly surprising then that the leader of the Swiss Farmers Union is confident that, here, "you will not find a soul who will vote for Europe on Dec. 6."

A referendum on that date will seal or scuttle the government's decision to join the European Economic Area, a free-trade association linking the European Community with the seven-member European Free Trade Association on Jan. 1. European Economic Area affiliation is intended as a major step toward a full EC role.

But it may never get that far. The latest opinion polls indicate that the anti-Economic Area campaign, led by Christoph Blocher, a rightist member of parliament, may be winning out. The lobbyists' themes are falling prosperity and fears of

immigration, in addition to the loss of Switzerland's traditional neutrality.

The Swiss constitution stipulates that designs like the Economic Area must be endorsed by a majority of voters as well as a majority of the 23 cantons, and that is especially troublesome to the federal government.

If the mood in Emmental, which is part of the canton of Bern, is any indication — and it is clearly taken to be — all seven Swiss-German farm-belt cantons will vote "nein" on Dec. 6, overwhelming the expected "oui" of the five French-speaking cantons and a likely "si" of Italian-speaking Ticino.

Of the industrialized Germanic cantons, only Basel is rated a firm "yes," Zurich a "probable" and the eight remaining cantons wavering.

The issue is so important to the government that for first time in Swiss history, all seven members of the cabinet have taken to the stump to urge approval. They need to pull in at least three of the eight wavering cantons to get home safely.

A shortfall in cantonal endorsements would not only block Swiss entry into the European Economic Area, but almost certainly doom the government's more ambitious goal for full EC membership — something that Flavio Corti, the federal interior minister, calls "the government's fundamental objective."

Sentiment is so strong that some are warning of a threat to the Swiss federation itself if the question is voted down. "Switzerland could be sundered like Belgium, or worse," warned the French-language weekly L'Hebdo.

A recent poll shows 39 percent of the French Swiss would not "automatically condone" a rejection of Europe.

"It might dismantle the confederation," said Simon Epiney, a member of parliament from Valais. "The French-speaking cantons may well opt for autonomy in foreign affairs, and the central government would be relegated to minting money."

It is the money that worries the Emmentalers. "These folks know that membership of the EC would mean a loss of 50 to 60 percent in farmers' income," said Marcel Sandoz, the local leader of the Swiss Farmers Union.

"The 98,000 Swiss farmers work small and often difficult plots," he said. "They have always enjoyed more protection than their European colleagues. Their earnings are guaranteed by the state and it will take more than a generation to change the mentality."

But in Bern, the federal government and most members of parliament say the nation cannot wait for 5 percent of the population to catch up with history.



An elderly resident of Sarajevo taking advantage of the cease-fire to collect wood in time for winter.

# London Defends Maastricht Delay

STASBOURG, France — Britain has no choice but to postpone ratification of the Maastricht treaty until May, European Affairs Minister Tristan Garel-Jones said Wednesday.

In a stout defense of the decision and a clear indication that the delay was the only way to appease Tory rebels, Mr. Garel-Jones told the European Parliament:

"My government and my prime minister staked a very great deal indeed in a recent vote in our parliament."

"I cannot overestimate what was at stake," he said in an address pointed at British members of the European Community's assembly during a debate on the Maastricht blueprint for closer economic and political union.

"If you want leadership from John Major," he said, "I think you should calculate the risk he took for the Maastricht treaty a week or two ago."

Mr. Major's announcement on Nov. 5 that Parliament would not take a final vote on the treaty until next May at the earliest caused consternation across the Community.

After Danes rejected the treaty in June and France only narrowly backed it in another referendum, the move cast yet another cloud on the treaty which was supposed to be ratified by the end of next month and take effect in January.

Mr. Garel-Jones' remarks seemed to lend credence to speculation that Mr. Major decided on the delay to stave off a full rebellion from skeptics within his own party who could have scuttled ratification.

The prime minister has said he will bring back the bill on ratifying Maastricht before the Community's summit meeting in Edinburgh in December. No date has yet been announced.

Mr. Major met ministers on Wednesday to map out a strategy for a hectic round of visits to EC capitals ahead of the Edinburgh meeting.

A senior government official said the session, which included Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd, was to review progress on EC issues, many of them contentious, such as the status of the treaty's ratification in Britain and Denmark.

Also on the agenda were the single market due to come into effect from the beginning of January, enlarging the 12-nation Community to admit new members, and the thorny question of EC financing.

# Sweden Votes to Join Open European Market

STOCKHOLM — Sweden took a giant step toward Europe on Wednesday when its parliament voted decisively in favor of a treaty creating an enlarged common market on the Continent.

Voting in the single-chamber Riksdag was 308 to 13, with 6 abstentions. A total of 22 of the chamber's 349 members were absent. If ratified by all member states, the treaty will permit the free flow of people, goods, services and capital in an area from the Arctic to the Mediterranean starting on Jan. 1. The area will comprise the European Community plus members of the European Free Trade Association: Austria, Finland, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Sweden and Switzerland.

# BLOCKADE: NATO to Tighten Serbia Embargo

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strong doubts among allied governments about the wisdom of such action.

"There are already plenty of weapons in Bosnia, with much of the stuff coming from Iran and elsewhere in the Islamic world," a NATO ambassador said.

Lord Owen, the European Community's mediator in the conflict, said recently that the West's failure to halt Serbian aggression has created bitter resentment among many Islamic countries. He said that he and his fellow envoy, the UN representative, Cyrus R. Vance, were convinced that unless Serbia's territorial occupation was pushed back the West would suffer serious consequences in its future relations with the Islamic world.

"It will be a disaster if we let this aggression stand," Lord Owen said. "The Islamic states will think we stood by and let it happen simply because the Bosnians were Muslims."

■ Heavy Action on 3 Fronts

Heavy fighting was reported Wednesday on three fronts in Bosnia despite optimistic forecasts from one of the combatants a UN commander that the worst of the war would be over within weeks, Reuters reported from Sarajevo.

"I hope that the fighting on the territories of former Bosnia-Herzegovina will stop by the New Year even though it will not be absolute peace," Kadovan Karadzic, the leader of the Bosnian Serbs, told the newspaper Krajinski Vojnik.

Mr. Karadzic echoed a similar prediction from the commander of the UN Protection Force in Bosnia, Brigadier General Philippe Morillon, who said earlier: "I have the feeling that we have passed the trough of the wave."

Mr. Karadzic said winter weather and deals between the well-armed Serbian and Croatian minorities at the expense of the Muslim population would help to halt the conflict.

Fighting between Serbs and Croats for control of disputed areas of the valley in the Mostar region, southwest of Sarajevo, began more than a week ago and has continued despite the Nov. 12 cease-fire.

# WORLD BRIEFS

**Baghdad Is Resisting UN Inspections**

MANAMA, Bahrain (Reuters) — Iraq continues to balk at UN demands to provide lists of suppliers for its weapons program, the head of a UN inspection team said Wednesday.

Speaking upon his return from a 10-day mission to Iraq, Dimitri Perricos, said that Baghdad had still not complied with UN Gulf War cease-fire orders requiring that it name suppliers of materials for its efforts to build nuclear bombs.

"I consider that so long as they are not replying to this, it is considered a violation," the Greek inspector said. "The words of the resolution are very clear in this respect." Security Council Resolution 707 in August expressed grave concern with Iraqi failure to comply with earlier decisions and demanded that Iraq "respond fully, completely and promptly to any questions or requests" from the inspectors.

**Oil Money to the People, Libya Vows**

SIRT, Libya (Reuters) — Colonel Moammar Gadhafi, the Libyan leader, said Wednesday that half his country's \$10 billion a year in oil revenues would be distributed directly to the Libyan people beginning next year.

Colonel Gadhafi made the announcement in a speech to the closing session of the General People's Congress, Libya's legislature, which had made sweeping changes in the government and named a new foreign minister to try to end a year-old crisis with the West over charges that the government was involved in the bombings of two airliners.

**Yeltsin's Deputy Assails His Policies**

MOSCOW (Reuters) — President Boris N. Yeltsin's conservative deputy renewed attacks on the reforming government on Wednesday, splintering the unity of the Russian leadership ahead of a crucial showdown with the opposition.

With Mr. Yeltsin abroad on a trip to South Korea, Vice President Alexander V. Rutskoi attacked the government over its policy of attracting as much Western financial help as possible.

A television report from Omsk said Mr. Rutskoi, on a tour of Siberia, also said the Crimean Peninsula, given to Ukraine by the Kremlin in 1953, should be returned to Russia. A decision of the Russian parliament to look into the legality of the transition of the Crimea caused a political storm earlier this year.

**For the Record**

Floods have killed at least five people and threatened to leave thousands homeless in northern Albania, Radio Tirana reported. (Reuters)

# TRAVEL UPDATE

**A 2d Day of Transit Strikes in Paris**

PARIS (AFP) — The Paris public transit system was hit again by a drivers' strike late Wednesday afternoon, one of a series in which they are protesting against the system's plans to revise job rules and work status.

A number of subway lines of the Metro system were running with a reduced number of trains, though bus traffic was normal, transit sources said. The strike was called for 5 P.M. to 9 P.M. Two subway lines were on the point of being closed by the strike, the sources said, while 60 to 90 percent of normal traffic was provided on others. Traffic was normal on line A of the RER suburban rail system, and was running at 80 percent on line B.

Thursday is to bring the third straight day of strikes, from 7 A.M. to 9 A.M., and again from 5 P.M. to 9 P.M. Unions have called weekday strikes through next Tuesday, as they negotiate with transit management.

Roads in Latvia and Turkey are among the most dangerous in the world, and India has the highest overall death toll from automotive crashes, according to a survey. The report by the International Road Federation in Geneva also showed that Hong Kong has the highest density of vehicles on its overcrowded roads, 261 vehicles per kilometer (0.6 mile), and Kuwait one of the most cars, 2.1 per household. (AP)

Iran and Uzbekistan agreed to start commercial flights between Tehran and Tashkent, the Iranian press agency, IRNA, reported. The agency, monitored in Nicosia, said the agreement was signed in Tehran, but did not say how soon flights would start. (AP)

Residents in cities throughout Ukraine are now able to dial direct around the world, the first former Soviet republic with such a possibility. The satellite station was built with American, Dutch and German firms and links 16 Ukrainian cities with 167 countries. (Reuters)

Japan Airlines and its subsidiary Japan Asia Airways were hit by a 24-hour strike Wednesday, grounding some 700 passengers flying from Japan to South Korea, Taiwan and Guam, airline officials said. A spokesman said there was a risk the strike could be extended for another 24 hours depending on the outcome of union-management talks. (AP)

Police in Kuala Lumpur said Wednesday that they had confirmed that arson caused a fire that crippled the Kuala Lumpur airport's control tower last month, and have detained a suspect. The fire Oct. 15 destroyed most of the radar equipment in the tower, forcing cancellation of a portion of the international airport's flights for several days. An adjacent air force control tower handled the remaining flights. (AP)

# Germans Try to Assure Israel

By Clyde Haberman  
New York Times Service

JERUSALEM — In this country that was born in the pain of Nazi Germany's horrors, leaders of the new Germany have arrived this week, reassuring their sensitive hosts that there will not be another fire this time.

Not surprisingly, Israelis have watched the recent surge of German anti-Semitism and anti-foreigner violence with special attentiveness and dread.

Prominent Israelis, including Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and the writer Amos Oz, have visited Germany in the last few months, warning German leaders that they must move swiftly to suppress right-wing racism or risk having it tumble out of control once again.

So for many people here, it was not a case of just another ho-hum state visit when Klaus Kinkel, the German foreign minister, and the armed forces chief of staff made overlapping journeys this week to tell Israelis that modern Germany is not the Weimar Republic, the chaotic democracy that gave way to the Nazi takeover in 1933.

"If the impression has been created that we in Germany are blind in our right eye, then I must say that this is not true," Mr. Kinkel said on his first visit to Israel since taking over from Hans-Dietrich Genscher.

Mr. Kinkel was told by his Israeli counterpart, Shimon Peres, that Israelis would judge Germany by the measures it took to end "this ugly outbreak" of violence. In response, according to the Israeli Foreign Ministry, Mr. Kinkel said that "as a German he was ashamed of the racist incidents" and that "the majority of the German people feels this way and has demonstrated against this phenomenon."

Like most state visitors, he went to Yad Vashem, the memorial in Jerusalem to the 6 million Jews who died in the Nazi holocaust five decades ago. "We owe it to the living not to forget," Mr. Kinkel wrote in his visitors' log.

Two days earlier, the German chief of staff, General Klaus Naumann, made the same pilgrimage.

"We cannot care so little about the murders of Jewish history," the newspaper Ma'ariv said, "as to not stand still for a moment when the German chief of staff visits Israel as the guest of the Jewish Army and lays a wreath in the name of the German military at Yad Vashem."

"God!" the newspaper added.

But while impressed, Israelis were not fully satisfied with everything that they heard from the Germans. Shevah Weiss, speaker of the Israeli Parliament and a Holocaust survivor from Poland, suggested that Germany give its police emergency powers and pass special laws to deal with the right-wing violence. That was not necessary, Mr. Kinkel said.

Israeli officials also want the reunified Germany to pay reparations for Nazi war crimes that they claim they were owed by the former East Germany but that the Communist government had refused to acknowledge. Mr. Kinkel, however, said that although the Bonn would continue to give Israel aid and to encourage German investment, it had already fulfilled its obligations to make reparations and would not assume claims against the East Germans.

# Euro-Epidemic of Racism Hits Spain

By Eugene Robinson  
Washington Post Service

MADRID — Three dozen immigrants from the Dominican Republic who lived in the ruins of the abandoned Four Roses discotheque outside Madrid were preparing for bed by candlelight last Friday night when they heard noises outside. No one paid much notice — the police often came by to urge them to move on, but never seemed too serious about it.

Suddenly four masked gunmen burst in, fired indiscriminately and fled. Lucrecia Pérez, 33, was dead; a 37-year-old man was seriously wounded, and Spain had seen its first serious act of anti-foreigner violence in many years.

Officials ordered a top-priority investigation of the paramilitary-style crime, saying they suspected the killers were rightist extremists. Anti-foreigner posters had appeared in the neighborhood in the preceding days, and aggression toward the Dominican immigrants, many black, had been rising.

The incident highlighted fears that the anti-immigrant violence sweeping other parts of Europe had reached Spain. "We have been very lucky," an Interior Ministry spokesman, Agustín Valladolid, said a day before the killing. "We know what could have happened."

Rafael Vera, secretary of state for security, called the Four Roses incident "an indiscriminate act of xenophobic racism."

Because of history and geography, Spain is a point of access for immigrants from the Third World seeking to enter the EC, borderless market of the 12-nation European Community. For Latin Americans, language and culture make Spain a logical choice. For North Africans, the only barrier is the treacherous current in the narrow Strait of Gibraltar, in which dozens of refugees from Morocco have drowned.

In the 1980s, when the Spanish economy was booming, hundreds of thousands of immigrants came to take the low-paying jobs that Spaniards no longer wanted. When the government offered recently to legalize the status of those without papers, 130,000 people applied, most Latin American or Moroccan.

But now the economy is stalled and unemployment is rising. Conditions are ripe for the spread of the xenophobia found in Eastern Germany and other parts of Europe.

There are 15,000 to 20,000 immigrants from the Dominican Republic in Spain, officials said, the vast majority of them women.

The authorities say the bullets used in the attack were of a kind primarily used by the military, but also available on the black market.

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## ★ POLITICAL NOTES ★

### No More Speculation: Hillary's on the Team

LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas — President-elect Bill Clinton is making it clear that his wife, Hillary, is an active member of his transition team. Asked about "speculation" regarding his wife's role in planning the new administration, Mr. Clinton said: "There is no speculation. We just sort of sit down here around this table every day and talk. She's part of it."

Referring to Vice President-elect Al Gore and other important participants in the transition effort, Mr. Clinton said: "Senator Gore is always here. Mrs. Clinton is always here, and a lot of people come in and out, depending on what we're talking about. It's pretty much how I've always done things."

During Mr. Clinton's five terms as governor, Mrs. Clinton, a 45-year-old lawyer, was his closest adviser. She headed a task force that developed Arkansas's education standards, played a key role in his gubernatorial campaigns and presidential race and championed children's issues. (AP)

### Clinton Picks Another Centrist for Key Post

WASHINGTON — In naming Richard W. Riley as personnel director for his transition team, Mr. Clinton draws on the talents of someone much like himself: a centrist Southern Democrat who won an unprecedented two terms as governor of South Carolina by tempering his instincts as a reformer with an ability to compromise.

Indeed, for many years the political careers of the two governors proceeded along remarkably parallel tracks.

Both were elected in the same year, 1978, as governors of southern, predominantly rural states. Both made health care and educational reform their major priorities. Longtime friends, both men were early activists in the Democratic Leadership Council, a group of centrists trying to check the influence of the Democratic Party's liberal wing.

Widely praised by Democrats and Republicans alike as one of the nation's best governors, Mr. Riley was the first South Carolina chief executive ever to be elected to a second term. Despite clashes with conservatives over tax increases, he remained popular with lawmakers from both parties during his eight years in office. (LAT)

### Democrat Bucks Clinton on Line Veto Power

WASHINGTON — The Senate Appropriations Committee chairman, Robert C. Byrd, Democrat of West Virginia, a dominant force on spending issues and a vigilant guardian of congressional prerogatives, looms as the major obstacle to efforts to grant Mr. Clinton enhanced powers to slash unwanted spending.

Mr. Clinton, who advocates a presidential line-item veto power to discourage "pork-barrel projects," said he was intrigued by an alternative backed by the House speaker, Thomas S. Foley, Democrat of Washington. It would allow the president to disapprove a particular spending provision subject to override by a simple majority of the House and Senate.

"As I have made clear time and time again," Mr. Byrd said, "I'm opposed to any legislation that would diminish the Congress's constitutional role with respect to the power of the purse and transfer additional authority to the executive branch." (WP)

### Quote/Unquote

Governor Kirk Fordice of Mississippi, at a conference of Republican governors: "The United States of America is a Christian nation, which does not mean in any way to infer any kind of religious intolerance or any kind of particular dogma that that is being forced on anyone." (WP)

### Away From Politics

• Canada will pay 100,000 Canadian dollars (\$78,000) in compensation to each of the patients used in psychiatric experiments jointly financed by the Canadian government and the CIA during the 1950s and 1960s. The "deprogramming" experiments were carried out on about 80 people who were drugged and subjected to electroshocks and other experiments intended, to wipe their brains clear.

• A bill that would allow Texans to carry concealed pistols has been filed by a state legislator. Bill Carter, a Republican of Fort Worth, said in Austin that the bill would legalize what many Texans are already doing — carrying guns to protect themselves against the rising level of violent crime.

• Exxon and the Alyeska Pipeline company were mainly concerned with warding off bad publicity after the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill, according to transcripts of conversations. The Alaska Public Radio Network said the transcripts were obtained by oil broker Charles Hamel, a longtime critic of Alyeska, operator of the Alaska pipeline.

• The American Civil Liberties Union has filed suit against a southwestern Michigan school district, demanding removal of an oil painting of Christ from a high school hallway. The group said the painting violated the idea of the separation of church and state.

• Office bans on smoking also influence habits in off hours, a study of smoking habits said. Researchers at the University of California, San Francisco, found that if a business enforces a smoking ban, the number of regular smokers among the employees is cut by a third — from 21 percent to 14 percent.

• The fourth typhoon in three months swept past Guam without causing major damage or injuries. Residents of the U.S. territory were warned that they could face an even stronger storm.

• California has been called upon to improve the lives of nearly a million impoverished farm workers. The report of a task force created by Governor Pete Wilson recommended that the state take immediate action to toughen enforcement of labor laws, increase pesticide safety training for farm workers and expand the availability of English classes. (AP, Reuters, AP, UPI)

## U.S. Bishops Spurn Rome Over Women

By Gustav Niebuhr

WASHINGTON — In a singular decision, U.S. Roman Catholic bishops voted Wednesday to reject a pastoral letter on the role of women in the church, after hours of debate in which many bishops repeatedly referred to a subject that the Vatican has ruled forbidden to discuss — women's ordination.

The letters, issued by a committee of U.S. bishops, are routinely accepted by the larger body of bishops with only token opposition. More opposition arose Wednesday.

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At a news conference shortly after the letter's defeat, a panel of bishops asserted that the overwhelming majority remained firmly committed to the Vatican's support for an all-male priesthood.

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## The Republicans' 'Big Tent': Some Governors Bar the Door

By Thomas B. Edsall

WASHINGTON Post Service  
FONTANA, Wisconsin — Just as Republican governors sought to close a postelection gathering here on a note of unity and inclusion, the religious tensions that have plagued the party surfaced in a dramatic fashion.

At the final news conference, Southern governors were asked whether the party's conservative Christians would be alienated by repeated declarations here that the Republican Party is a "big tent" that can encompass both social liberals and moral purists.

Mississippi's governor, Kirk Fordice, stepped forward.

"The United States of America," he said, "is a Christian nation, which does not mean in any way to infer any kind of religious intolerance or any kind of particular dogma that that is being forced on anyone."

"It is just a simple fact of life," he said, adding that "the less we emphasize the Christian religion, the further we fall into the abyss of poor character and chaos in the United States of America."

The moment Mr. Fordice stepped away from the microphone, South Carolina's governor, Carroll A. Campbell Jr., who had to counter charges that his supporters used anti-Semitic tactics in an early congressional campaign, took over the lectern:

"Well, Kirk is essentially right, but I want to make

one simple statement on that," he said. "The fact is that the value base of this country comes from the Judeo-Christian heritage we have, and that is something we need to realize."

He added that the value base concept "is true of people who are Christians as we are, and it is true of people who are of the Jewish faith, because that same value base is there, and that is what this country has had from the beginning."

Mr. Campbell then stood back, put his arm on Mr. Fordice's shoulder and said quietly: "I just wanted to add the Judeo part."

Mr. Fordice, appearing to glare at Mr. Campbell, said: "If I wanted to do that, I would have done it."

Asked about his comments, Mr. Fordice said he meant "precisely what I said."

Stressing again that he meant no intolerance, he said that "that was my statement and I stand by it."

"We just happen to be a Christian nation," he said. These kind of tensions are just what the Republican governors have been seeking to avoid over three days of meetings, ending Tuesday.

The flare-up over religion was the final event of the gathering. Earlier, the governors heard from policy specialists who told them that Republicans had to address health care or face the prospect of extinction, and that the economic climate during the first year of the Clinton administration is likely to be strikingly good.

## For Bush, Final Days Can't Come Too Fast

By Ann Devroy

WASHINGTON Post Service  
WASHINGTON — If the constitution allowed abdication, President George Bush would probably hand over the Oval Office to Bill Clinton right away and be done with it, so sour is he already on the lifestyle of a figurehead president.

"I've concluded that the interregnum is too long, too ungenerous and too long," Mr. Bush said of the transition he has endured for only two of its scheduled 10 weeks. "But we are determined to finish this."

The problem is there is not much to finish before Mr. Clinton's inauguration on Jan. 20.

Having endured the vice presidency for eight years, Mr. Bush has had experience in having no real job. According to White House aides, he accepts it. He just does not much like what one aide called "the endless endings with no startings."

Matin Fitzwater, the White House press secretary, said much of what makes up the normal life of the presidency was already gone, leaving Mr. Bush with "desk work."

"It's not the most exciting duty on Earth," Mr. Fitzwater said.

Much of what the public sees of the presidency — pictures of meetings with foreign leaders; the opening of cabinet meetings; meeting with business, social or religious leaders — is not occurring. "You really drop all the ceremonial things," Mr. Fitzwater said, because most of the organizations and leaders want to meet with the incoming, not the outgoing, president.

Another big chunk of the presidency is policy debates, and with little policy to be made, there are few debates.

"We all kind of wish the transition lasted two days rather than two months," Mr. Fitzwater said.

Mr. Bush is considering some sort of public summing up but has not decided what it should be. Presidents have used their final say for memorable speeches (Dwight D. Eisenhower's address in which he warned of the military-industrial complex) or written reports on their presidencies (Jimmy Carter). Mr. Bush has not made up his mind what to do or how, but it most likely would center on the Cold War's end and the safer world his grandchildren have inherited.

Mr. Bush touched on that Monday night, when he received a diplomatic award. The White House announced the event was closed to the press, but a United Press International reporter got permission from the sponsors to attend and recorded the president in a moment of salute to how governmental power is transferred.

"I think that when the history books are written, it will be seen that we made dramatic strides toward world peace and toward improving relations in so many parts of the world," Mr. Bush said. "And that is the great satisfaction that I have as I draw to a close, with two months left that are laborious."

## PASSPORT: State Dept. Faulted

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Department, apparently a reference to allegations by Assistant Secretary of State Elizabeth M. Tamposi, who was dismissed for leading the records search, that she thought she was acting at the request of the White House.

"This entire episode put the State Department front and center in the political arena," Mr. Eagleburger said. "I truly regret, therefore, anything that has been done to undermine the integrity of this institution."

He stressed that the inspector general "has not found evidence of criminal wrongdoing."

"I don't think there has been a cover-up," he said. "I don't think any senior officials have done anything improper."

Still, Mr. Eagleburger said, "I apologize for the department being in this mess."

During the election, some Republicans were telling reporters privately that Mr. Clinton had tried to renounce his citizenship — an assertion for which no evidence was ever produced — and attacked him for joining anti-war protests while a student at Oxford University in 1969-70 and for visiting Moscow during that period.

The State Department initially dismissed the file search as the work of a lower-level and overzealous employee who was acting on the request of news organizations seeking data under the Freedom of Information Act.

After her dismissal, Ms. Tamposi subsequently implicated high-level White House officials in ordering the search, which involved the records of Mr. Clinton's mother and the independent presidential candidate, Ross Perot, as well.

At the press briefing, Mr. Eagleburger said, "As the head of this department, I must and I do take responsibility for the events."

He was asked if he intended to resign.

beginning of my term," Mr. Clinton said before the session.

Mr. Clinton's day was to include a largely symbolic stroll in a poorer commercial district of Washington, an appearance at a reception for the Children's Defense Fund and a private dinner at the home of Vernon E. Jordan Jr., chairman of his White House transition team.

Before leaving Washington on Thursday night, Mr. Clinton is expected to meet with members of Congress from both parties at a breakfast and luncheon and attend a private dinner put on by Pamela Harriman, a major Democratic Party donor.

Also Thursday, Hillary Rodham Clinton, the president-elect's wife, will tour the White House with Barbara Bush, who was house-hunting in Houston on Wednesday.

Mrs. Clinton, who is a board member of the Children's Defense Fund and its former chairman, was to address the group's fund-raiser on Wednesday.

According to The Washington Post, the closely watched guest lists for the two private dinner parties that the Clintons will attend include Vice President-elect Al Gore and his wife, Tipper; Ron Brown, chairman of the Democratic National Committee; Robert Strauss, the departing U.S. ambassador to Russia; Washington bureau chiefs for NBC News and The New York

Times; David Brinkley of ABC News; Jim Lehrer, news anchor of the PBS program "MacNeil-Lehrer News Hour"; Sharon Pratt Kelly, the mayor of Washington; Marian Wright Edelman, head of the Children's Defense Fund; Senators Lloyd Bentsen of Texas, John D. Rockefeller 4th of West Virginia and Tom Harkin of Iowa, and Representatives Dave McCurdy of Oklahoma and John D. Dingell of Michigan.



President-elect Clinton with transition team, from left; Madeleine Kunin, Warren Christopher, Mr. Clinton, Vice President-elect Al Gore, and Vernon Jordan.

## Clinton Pays a 'Courtesy Call' to the Over Office

By Paul F. Horvitz

WASHINGTON Post Service  
WASHINGTON — The reality of a new presidency descended on Washington on Wednesday as a victor and vanquished got together at the White House for what President-elect Bill Clinton said afterward was a "terrific meeting."

The two men spent nearly two hours together at the White House, including 90 minutes alone in the Oval Office and a quick tour of offices in the West Wing where the president and his senior staff work.

"It was a terrific meeting," Mr. Clinton said. "The president was very helpful."

"We talked about a dozen potential trouble spots in the world," Mr. Clinton added, "mostly about the kinds of problems I might face in the rest of the world."

Mr. Clinton said they talked about Russia, Bosnia and the Middle East, and also about the problem of rising medical costs in the United States.

After the meeting, Mr. Bush walked Mr. Clinton back to his motorcade, and the two men shook hands.

Before the session got under way, a spokesman for the president characterized it as a "courtesy call," but it was clear afterward that substantive issues had been discussed.

Mr. Bush has been receiving calls from world leaders who are curious about the future of U.S. foreign policy, according to the White House, and the president has been emphasizing the likelihood of continuity in the fundamentals of U.S. policy.

The president-elect has been receiving a daily intelligence briefing through the Central Intelligence Agency, and his foreign policy transition team has been preparing briefing material on a wide range of issues.

"I want to get his candid assessment about some world issues, some problems I'll be facing at the

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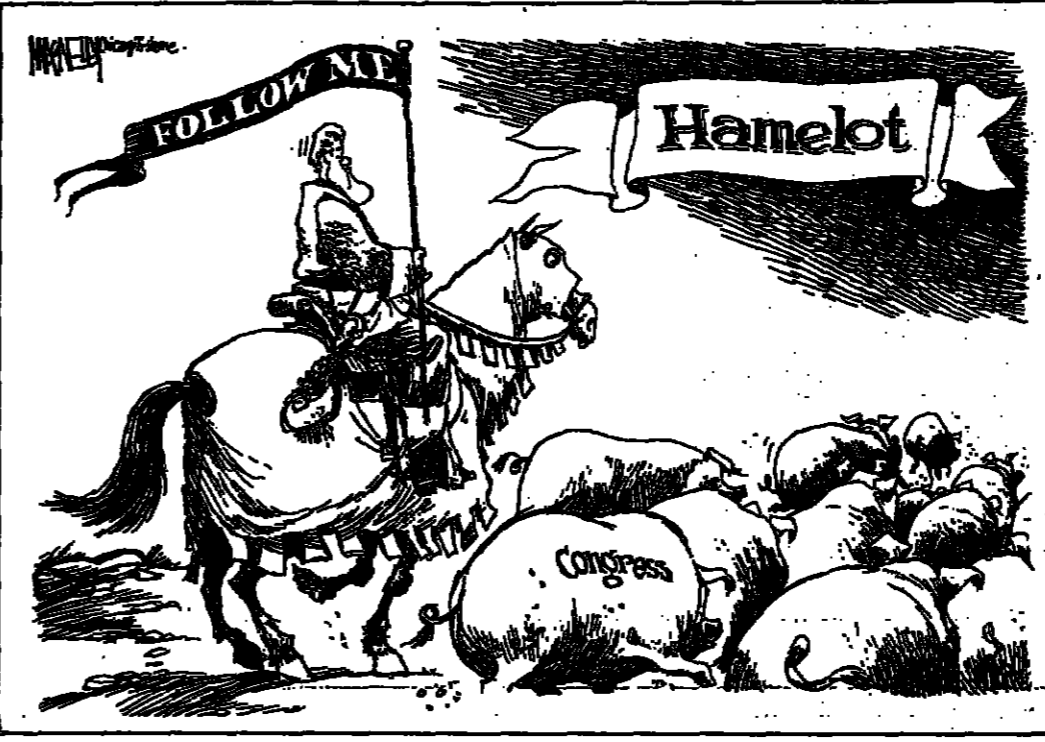
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OPINION

What Sort of Country Puts This Sort of Victim in Jail?

By Anna Quindlen

NEW YORK — In the last year these things have happened to Silences Success: Her parents were murdered, she fled her home in a boat, she was taken to a refugee camp, she was told she had "a little problem" with her blood, she gave birth to her first baby, and she buried him.

It may seem almost unremarkable that she is in prison, though she has been charged with no crime. She describes her days in the Detention Center run by the Immigration and Naturalization Service on Varick Street in New York: "I get up, I sit down, I cry, I think."

For Ms. Success, imprisonment may seem just another part of the personal nightmare that followed last year's coup in her native Haiti. But for Americans, it should be a reminder that the disgraceful treatment of immigrants is not merely an exhibit at an artfully restored Ellis Island.

Ms. Success is in jail only because she is HIV positive, that "little problem" the doctor mentioned when she was held at the U.S. naval base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, a latter-day leprosanarium for Haitian refugees infected with the AIDS virus.

She says she did not know what her blood problem was until Ricardo, then 3 months old, died on Sept. 15. She was told that he had died as a result of HIV infection. But Ms. Success says that after his birth they were billeted in an open tent for several rainy days and that he developed a bad cold. She says that when soldiers stormed through their living quarters one day, the baby was hit on the side of the head by a helmet.

Her son died at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, where he and his mother had been sent from Guantanamo when his health deteriorated. Afterward Ms. Success became something of an immigration problem. The United States is one of the few countries that excludes aliens who are HIV positive. But Ms. Success had a fine case for political asylum in the ousted President Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

But she also has an existence run by the immigration service, an organization that deals poorly with people. One official said there was no reason to handcuff Ms. Success as guards have in the past, but could not promise that it would not happen again. When she was strip-searched, she says, she was told: "This was a mistake. Please don't tell your lawyers."

President-elect Bill Clinton has pledged to change the policy that sent Haitians back with no attempt to determine whether they had legitimate cases for asylum. He has said he will remove HIV infection as a bar to immigration.

But Ms. Success should not have to wait. The government may allow her to leave the Varick Street Detention Center at any time. The time is now.

The New York Times.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Beyond Feminism

The fact that the Anita Hill affair galvanized an unprecedented number of women into running for Congress, and that they were elected partly on the basis of that affair, is doubtless regarded by feminists as a victory. They fail to see that it is likely to produce a backlash.

If women are elected to positions of power not on the strength of their professional merits but because society needs to exorcise its patriarchal guilt, women have not in fact competed on equal terms with men. They will still be in their age-old position of privileged victims.

The Hill-Thomas controversy has brought out some disturbing contradictions in the feminist arguments about sexual harassment. Fundamental to the women's movement is the demand for equal access to the workplace. Yet even while we are achieving this, many of us seem unwilling to face the harsh reality of career politics.

Femininity as we know it centers on two qualities: sexual attractiveness and docility. Sexual harassment exploits the former while its continued success depends on the latter.

they appeal to these same roles to excuse themselves from the responsibility of confronting men head-on in a harassment situation. Because they have been taught to avoid confrontation, the argument goes, they cannot be expected to defend themselves. This is not consistent.

Feminists demand more power for women, yet they call for a law ultimately made by men to intervene on their behalf, and moreover, to sit obediently in court while men decide whether they have been harassed! Whose power will be respected by potential harassers? Not that of women but that of the law.

Women must recognize their part in this problem, then get up and fight for themselves. It looks as though we might have to do it without feminism.

KATARINA BJURSTEDT, Wivenhoe, England.

Reviving Russian Art

Regarding "Economic Withering Takes the Bloom Off Russia's Artistic Renaissance" (Nov. 10), by John Rockwell:

The writer has done well to remind us of the inevitable and predictable plight of the arts community in Russia. The deteriorating situation in Russia and all of Eastern and Central Europe is especially troublesome today, though history has shown that some of the most creative people in a culture's evolution spring from the very conditions present in Russia: complexity, structural instability and social uncertainty.

Can we help? Yes. First, continue to publicize the situation, as Mr. Rockwell has so effectively done. Second, pressure international organizations to provide the tools these arts communities need to function effectively in the long term.

Third, encourage individuals and organizations with the hands-on experience so

desperately needed in Eastern and Central Europe to share them today. The world has been slow to recognize that an active and healthy cultural community benefits the cultural and economic whole. The world's failure to help now is, to quote the French politician Antoine Boulay de la Meurthe, "worse than a crime, it is a blunder."

STUART M. GIBSON, Joinville-le-Pont, France.

From the Killing Fields

Regarding the two editorials under the heading, "The Bosnian Question" (Oct. 17), I am serving as an officer in the Canadian contingent to the UN Protection Force in southern Croatia. It would be fantastic if the quagmire here were as easily solved as your article suggests. Real-life complexities preclude sweeping success.

Those born between 1955 and 1960 are between 32 and 37 years old. That's "middle-aged?" RICHARD PATRICK WILSON, Mobile, Alabama.

Further, negotiations between UN forces and the indigenous Bosnian population have proven fruitless. The second group of 1,200 Canadian troops to deploy to former Yugoslavia — this time to Banja Luka in Bosnia — have been delayed, not by UN sluggishness, but because Bosnians have refused to let them cross the Sava River into Bosnia from Croatia.

To be sure, there are problems with UN forces' activities in the Balkans, and results may appear slow in coming. I sympathize with other peace lovers who are frustrated. However, when I read the

Plato Would Have Missed a Stunner

By Barry James

PARIS — The Greek city of Miletus was captured by the Persians in 494 B.C. In the spirit of the times, they killed all the men and enslaved all the women and children. Soon afterward, the disaster was dramatized by the poet Phrynichus in a lost play called "The Capture of Miletus."

Herodotus, the historian, reported the play's reception in Athens: "The whole audience burst into tears; and they fined him a thousand drachmas for reminding them of their own misfortunes and decreed that no one should ever present that play again."

Plato, of course, said that dramatists should be banished from his ideal republic. They appealed to the emotions, he said, and distorted reality.

So what was it about Greek tragedy that held such a powerful sway over its contemporaries and reaches across the centuries to touch the souls of modern men and women?

I have often wondered what Aristotle meant when he wrote of catharsis. In a

lifetime of going to plays and operas, I suppose I have experienced it a few times, although I would still be hard put to explain logically what it means. But rarely have I experienced the kind of simultaneous clarity and poignancy of emotion that I felt recently when I saw Ariane Mnouchkine's magnificent production of Aeschylus's Oresteia trilogy with the Théâtre du Soleil here.

I would willingly sit through all nine hours of the plays time and again, to

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thrill to the colorful choruses and chill to the appalling violence — which, although never seen on stage, makes the average gore-soaked modern movie seem as harmless as a fairy tale.

Miss Mnouchkine, who retranslated the texts into simple and direct French, sees the ancient Greeks not as a race of Socratic rationalists but as a people on the razor's edge between barbarism and civilization.

Roland Barthes wrote that every producer of Greek tragedy faces the same dilemma: whether to perform antique theater according to its time or ours. Reconstitute or transpose? Emphasize the similarities or the differences?

What makes the Théâtre du Soleil's version so spectacular is that it does both. It is faithful to the text and what little is known about the performances of the time. It is performed, as the ancient plays were, in masks, or at least in heavy stage makeup, which means that emotions have to be conveyed through gesture and the strength of the language rather than through facial expression.

At the same time, Miss Mnouchkine never forgets that the Greeks were thrilled not merely by the drama but by the music and dance that accompanied it. Since not a note of Greek music has survived, she had to imagine how it might be. The effect is a knockout.

Her choruses whirl like dervishes, to the strange, oriental sound of Jean-Jacques Lemare's music, which he and a couple of assistants perform on kettle drums and more than 200 other instruments at one side of the stage.

The poignancy and tension are somehow heightened when the plays are seen — as the Greeks saw them — one after the other on a single day.

Each year a trilogy of plays was selected for the Dionysian festival by a panel of judges known as *kritai* — critics. The Oresteia is the only trilogy to have survived more or less intact.

In ancient Athens, 15,000 theatergoers crowded into the theater that still stands on a slope of the Acropolis, for a feast of drama that lasted from dawn to sunset. The Théâtre du Soleil did the next best thing by setting aside a couple of Sundays to perform the Oresteian trilogy as a unity, with brief breaks for Phrygian soup and Attic appetizers, and with Euripides's "Iphigenia at Aulis"

as a prologue on the preceding evening. It also performs the plays separately at evening performances.

Nine hours of intense drama on hard seats may seem long in the age of the sound bite. But you could have heard a pin drop as the drama unfolded: King Agamemnon of Argos, home triumphant from the Trojan War, murdered by his wife Clytemnestra along with his concubine-princess Cassandra; Clytemnestra and her lover Aegisthus murdered in revenge by her son Orestes, aided and abetted by his sister Electra; Orestes pursued by guilty hallucinations, the Furies, to the seat of justice in Athens, where he wins acquittal.

This was the stuff of remote myth even when it was first performed. But the great Greek dramatists knew how to transmute myth into emotion and emotion into philosophy.

Aeschylus, who bridged the divide between Homeric myth and a concept of society that is recognizably modern and scientific, confronts his audiences with the idea that every act of violence has its price. Emotions such as jealousy, the spirit of revenge and pride are elemental forces that can tear a society apart and have to be placated before civilization can continue. The thought that such furies are again abroad in a land not far from ancient Greece makes the plays all the more poignant.

To the first actor, the protagonist, Aeschylus added a second, the deuteragonist, and thus set drama off on its modern path. But the Aeschylus drama, more than the later plays of Sophocles and Euripides, still puts the chorus at the center of the action.

In "Agamemnon," the first of the trilogy, they are the old men of Argos, gorgeously costumed in red like the kings on a pack of playing cards. In "The Libation Bearers" they are Trojan slaves in black, lusting for revenge. In "The Eumenides" they become fearsome dusky animals, half bound and half ape — the Furies.

Miss Mnouchkine brings out very clearly the role of the chorus as the link between myth and reality. In ancient Athens, while the author-actors — known as "hypocrites" or answerers — were sometimes rich and famous, the choruses were chosen from among the people, and were regarded as the voice of the common man on the "orchestra" where the action took place.

As the Hellenist Jacqueline de Romilly says in her latest book, "Pourquoi la Grèce?" the chorus brings to the abstract of the drama a sense of the concrete and emotional, and thus transmutates drama into the human condition.

More than two weeks after seeing the three plays, I cannot get them out of my mind. And having just learned that the Théâtre du Soleil is planning to extend the production for an extra week by popular demand (before taking it to Vienna), I have raced to the ticket office so as to see the whole trilogy again at the beginning of the year.

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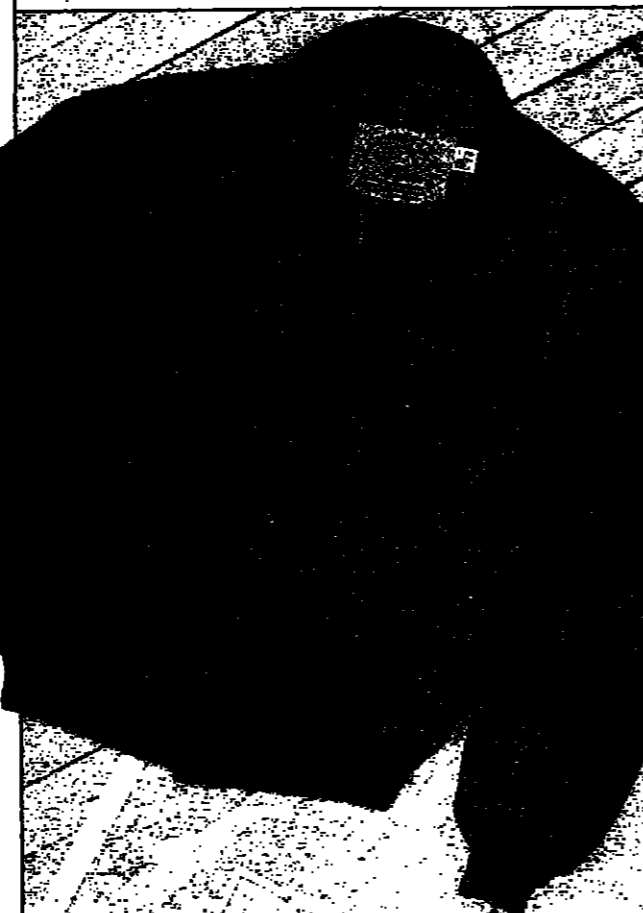
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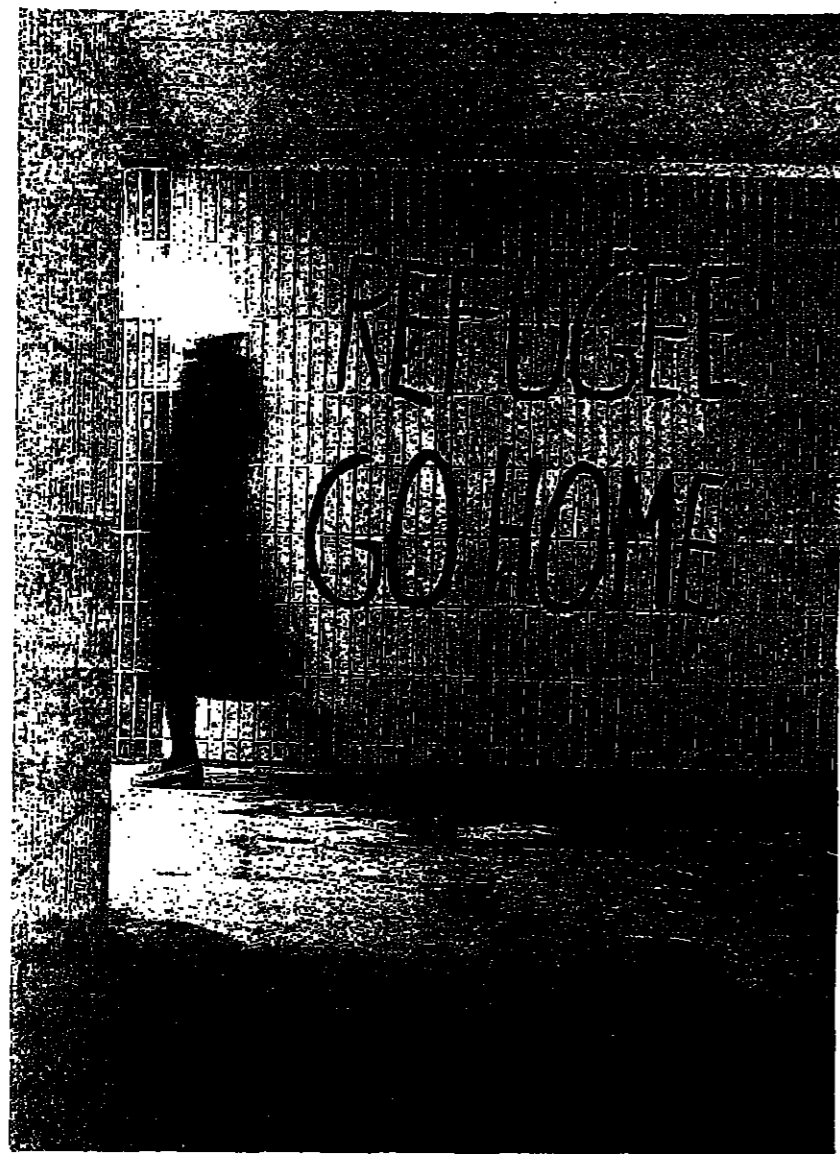
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## Liberia's Crisis Tests U.S.-French Cooperation

By Joseph Fitchett  
*International Herald Tribune*

PARIS — As Liberia's civil war threatens to engulf nearby countries, it has injected a jarring new note into U.S.-French relations in Africa at odds with their cooperation there during the Cold War. Policymakers in the United States and France, the two main outside powers in Africa, deny categorically any rivalry in their policies on Liberia, but accusations are flying between French and American officials about dirty tricks, mainly arms smuggling and training for opposing factions. Asked about this diplomatic static in interviews this week, the policymakers, although acknowledging that there had been some mischief-making in Liberia, played down the importance of what one called "bickering among under-employed Africa hands."

In any crisis, when African affairs rise above the specialists, both capitals see eye to eye, these senior officials said, pointing to the record of active U.S. involvement over the years in French military interventions from Chad to Zaire — plus cooperation on numerous covert programs.

In the decades when Africa was an ideological battleground, U.S. and French operations meshed to safeguard Western interests. But this relationship may be breaking down as the stakes in Africa shift from ideological warfare to commercial profits, which range from arms sales to oil concessions to trafficking in drugs or diamonds.

With weapons obtained with cash instead of East bloc support, the fighting in Liberia is fiercer than anything in West Africa since the mid-1960s Biafra war. Bombers and artillery were in action this month when a West African intervention force unsuccessfully battled rebels led by Charles Taylor, head of the largest guerrilla faction.

U.S. policy backs the African intervention force — led by Nigeria — to promote a democratic solution. France feels that Mr. Taylor is the man to do business with. In a bid to restore the old overarching Western partnership, senior American and French officials met last week in Paris and pledged a new bilateral approach to Liberia. If that fails, there is a risk that Africa, no longer a chessboard for East-West maneuvering, becomes a casino where France and the United States find themselves gambling against each other.

In Paris, there are worries that some tradi-

logical African clients of France may be tempted to edge closer to Washington because they have an impression of untrammeled U.S. power in the post-Cold War era. Some American officials say they suspect that the French government, or at least some factions in it, see Liberia as a place to demonstrate the limits of U.S. authority.

This sharpening acrimony surfaced publicly two weeks ago when the State Department accused the nearby state of Burkina Faso of smuggling Libyan-supplied weapons to Mr. Taylor's forces. The arms pipeline was helping defeat the peace-making force dispatched to Liberia by the Economic Community of West African States, the U.S. statement said.

Left unaided publicly but readily acknowledged by officials, is the suspicion of French complicity because specialists from Paris control security in Ivory Coast, whose territory had to be crossed by the weapons from Burkina Faso.

Ivory Coast's willingness to fuel the fighting by support for Mr. Taylor, American officials say, is explained by the illegally mined Liberian diamonds that can only be sold via Ivory Coast as long as fighting continues.

Angry rejecting these charges, French officials said that Burkina Faso had stopped its help to Mr. Taylor's forces. The United States re-ignited the fighting this fall by supplying what one aide called "brand new arms and fresh encouragement" to anti-Taylor forces.

The trouble, a French policymaker said, is that "the United States seems to have several policies, not just support for the peacekeepers."

Suspicious about U.S. policy confusion gained credence last week when Herman J. Cohen, assistant secretary of state for African affairs, suggested that the United Nations should take over as the mediator in the Liberian conflict. His comments, contradicting official U.S. support for the African force, were promptly disavowed by Washington.

In French thinking, the only realistic outcome is a Taylor takeover, perhaps with some democratic window-dressing, allowing the West to start taming his radicalism.

American policymakers, emphatic that democratic processes must be applied, are particularly leery about taming Mr. Taylor because they see Libya behind him.

## Washington to Press Allies on Arms Sales to Iran

By Elaine Sciolino  
*New York Times Service*

WASHINGTON — The United States is to meet Friday with six of its closest economic partners in an attempt to persuade them to halt sales of all militarily useful equipment and technology to Iran, according to administration officials.

But in preliminary discussions, the Bush administration has already met resistance from its allies, who are eager to increase trade with Iran.

In addition, the United States has pressed for the plan at such a low level that none of the allies have taken it seriously. Another obstacle is that the United States itself does not completely ban all sales to Iran's military establishment. If Iran's military wanted to buy certain laptop computers, for example, it would be able to do so without approval from Washington.

The meeting, at an undisclosed location in Europe, is to include representatives from Britain, France, Italy, Canada, Japan, and Germany. It will represent the first time that the countries, known as the Group of Seven, will specifically discuss such exports to Iran. Although Iran will be the main focus, the seven will also discuss such sales to Libya, Iraq, and North Korea.

Richard A. Boucher, the State Department spokesman, said Tuesday that the meeting was part of the administration's effort to "harmonize export controls among major industrial nations with regard to Iran."

He added that the United States will "be talking to other governments about the need for the kind of strict export licensing on Iran that we have already." Since the beginning of the year, the United States has unsuccessfully tried to persuade its allies to halt sales to Tehran of equipment that could be put to military uses. The goal of the initiative is to prevent Iran from buying and producing both conventional arms and so-called weapons of mass destruction, which include ballistic missiles and chemical, biological, and nuclear weapons.

Three senior administration officials presented the initiative last month to officials during an unpublished trip to the six nations. In a statement on Friday, Japan expressed its reservations about the plan. "We cannot agree 100 percent with the United States," Foreign Minister Michio Watanabe said, "because our ties go a long way back and are different from Iran-United States relations."

Even administration officials have reservations. "The initiative has no bite," said one official who closely follows the issue. "It's being done at a low level and there's nothing in it to convince the allies why they should give up such a lucrative market."

Washington's concern about Iran's military buildup drew a response on Tuesday from Iran's president, Hashemi Rafsanjani, who said the West was trying to alarm Iran's neighbors, thus encouraging them to buy more weapons.

"Western powers and their news media state that Iran is seeking military dominance in the region through the purchase of advanced weapons," Iran radio quoted Mr. Rafsanjani as saying. "In fact, they try to alarm the regional countries in order to sell them more weapons."

Senior sources at Radio Monte Carlo said it was not taking part in the campaign because the advertisements were political and not commercial and so did not meet its policy, Reuters reported from Paris.

[The Radio Monte Carlo sources said the decision not to run the ads was reached without any consultation with the French government. A Foreign Ministry spokesman said the issue concerned the radio station and had nothing to do with the French government.]

Since 1984, the State Department has been offering rewards for information that helps punish terrorists for past acts or prevents future acts. It offers rewards of up to \$2 million.

The new advertisements are the first to ask for information about specific terrorist incidents.

CNN reported that American officials had obtained secret indictments of several terrorists allegedly responsible for the kidnapping and killing of American hostages held in Lebanon

and the deaths of American airline passengers. CNN quoted American intelligence sources as saying that Iran had provided sanctuary to some of these terrorists "as part of a deal" to win the release last year of the last American hostages.

The Associated Press quoted one American official on Tuesday as confirming that sealed indictments had been returned in the last year both for killing American hostages in Lebanon and for blowing up at least one airliner.

But two administration sources told The Washington Post that the reports were not true. The Associated Press, citing a second anonymous source, said one of the suspected killer or killers of William Buckley, the CIA's station chief in Beirut, or of Lieutenant Colonel William R. Higgins of the U.S. Marines, Mr. Buckley was kidnapped in March 1984, and Colonel Higgins, who was assigned to a UN peacekeeping force in southern Lebanon, was kidnapped in February 1988.

## Paris Ends Role in U.S. Anti-Terror Ads

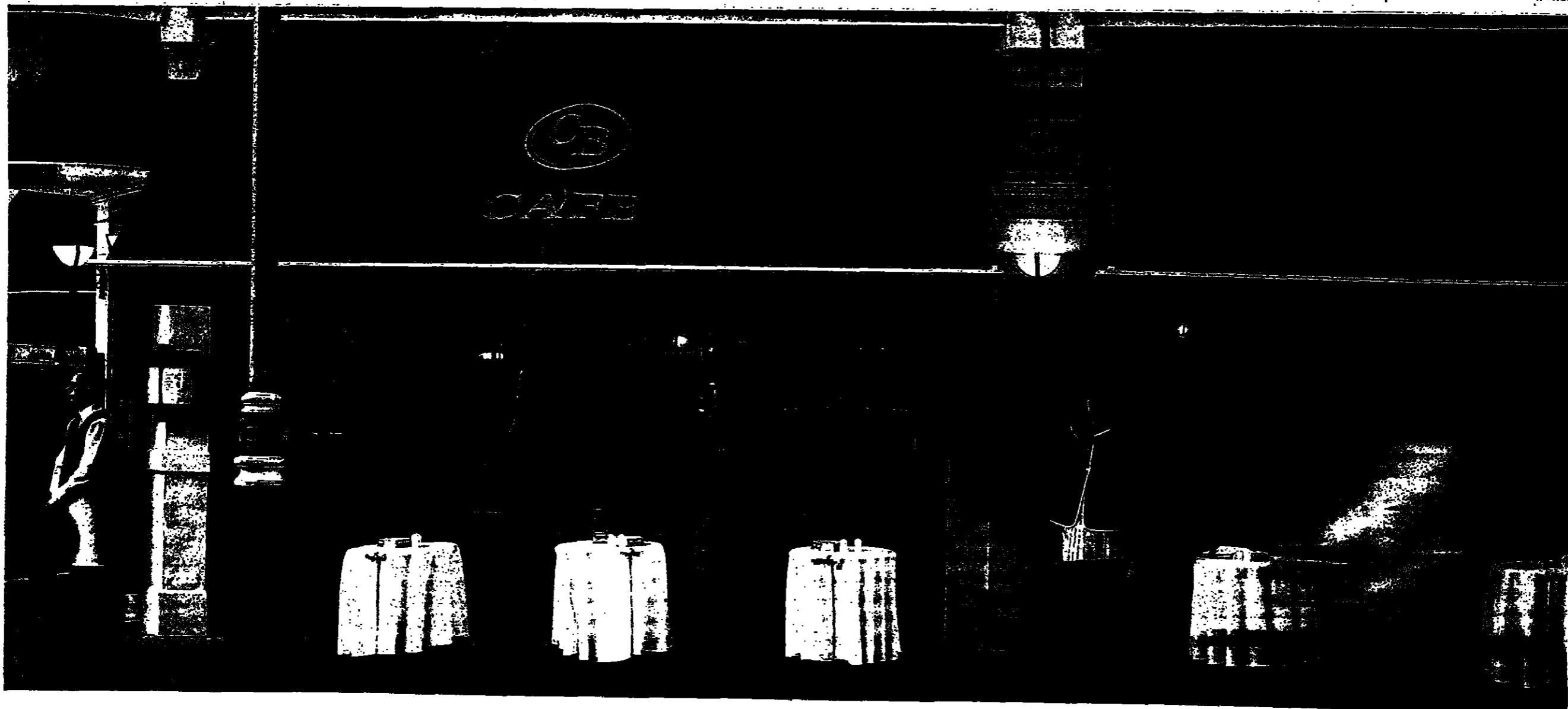
By George Lardner Jr.  
*Washington Post Service*

WASHINGTON — The French government has abruptly canceled its participation in a U.S. anti-terrorist advertising campaign offering rewards for information about past or planned acts of terrorism, according to U.S. officials.

"We're not happy about it," one official said. "In fact, we're shocked." The State Department has reportedly protested the action.

According to U.S. officials, a crucial part of the U.S. campaign was to be carried on Radio Monte Carlo, which was to broadcast public service announcements in English and Arabic to a potential audience of 15 million people. But the French government, which owns more than 80 percent of Radio Monte Carlo, ordered the contract canceled, the officials said.

A spokesman for the French Embassy here could not be reached for comment. One source said the French appeared to be fearful of terrorist reprisals.



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# Police in Pakistan Arrest Bhutto as She Leads Protest

*Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches*  
**RAWALPINDI, Pakistan** — The police arrested former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto on Wednesday after she and supporters broke through police barricades to lead a banned anti-government march.

About 200 police officers surrounded Miss Bhutto and took her into custody along with other political leaders who support her effort to oust the government of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif.

Government sources said Miss Bhutto was driven to a state guest house, where she would stay overnight before being flown to Karachi, her hometown, and probably placed under house arrest.

"My arrest won't make any difference," she told a crowd of 30,000 to 40,000 supporters, who endured steady bursts of tear gas to listen to her brief address before she was taken away by the police. "The struggle will continue."



RELIEF — A boat with 2,000 Somali refugees entering the harbor Wednesday in Aden, Yemen, after five days without provisions.

# Lee Urges Firm Hand In Manila

*United Press International*  
**MANILA** — Lee Kuan Yew, Singapore's former prime minister, said Wednesday that President Fidel V. Ramos of the Philippines needed to exercise firm control because there was no proof that American-style democracy would lead the Philippines toward prosperity.

Mr. Lee, addressing an international business conference, said Mr. Ramos must rule with a strong hand in order to make bold changes needed to spur the country's dormant economy. Those changes, according to Mr. Lee, include opening the economy to foreign investments, tearing down monopolies, restoring law and order and improving the country's infrastructure.

"There is absolutely no assurance that the American-style constitution will produce wealth for the Philippines as it has for America," Mr. Lee said. "Filipinos have no empty, wealthy continent to make them rich. They have a densely populated archipelago with little oil, gas or other valuable natural resources."

# Bush Vows Better Relations With Hanoi

*Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches*  
**HANOI** — President George Bush informed President Le Duc Anh on Wednesday that the United States was prepared to improve relations with Vietnam, Senator John Kerry said.

Mr. Kerry said the promise by Mr. Bush, contained in a letter to the Vietnamese president, was in response to a significant increase in cooperation to account for more than 2,200 U.S. servicemen missing from the Vietnam War.

The senator said the letter, which he handed to the Vietnamese leader, "expressed President Bush's high hopes regarding the opportunity that we face now, this feeling that there is a moment here, that if we grasp it can serve both of our nations and our people."

Mr. Kerry said the letter lays out a "road map" for normal relations and promises reciprocal action by the United States for Vietnam's cooperation.

"Many options are available for the president," Mr. Kerry said, adding, "He did not say specifically which he would exercise. He said he would act."

The American president could lift a crippling trade embargo, withdraw U.S. objections to World Bank and International Monetary Fund aid and loans to Vietnam or take other conciliatory action short of full diplomatic ties, U.S. officials said.

Vietnam is counting on U.S. cooperation to help it revive a flagging economy with market-oriented reforms. It also would like U.S. political support in the face of what it sees as growing Chinese assertiveness.

Mr. Kerry, chairman of a Senate committee on missing servicemen, said he personally felt Mr. Bush should make a gesture before the panel presents him at year's end with its final report.

But committee members emphasized that a reciprocal gesture by Washington would not be full normalization, at least in the near future.

"The president expressed very directly that the cooperation from Vietnam will be met by reciprocal actions by the United States," Mr. Kerry said at the end of a three-day visit.

He did not say whether Washington might ease or lift the trade embargo it imposed in 1964 or move toward opening diplomatic relations with Hanoi. (Reuters, AP)

# Taiwan Arms Sales Put China on Guard

*Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches*  
**BEIJING** — China reaffirmed on Wednesday its strong opposition to all arms sales to Taiwan, following reports that Taipei had signed a contract to buy 60 French-made Mirage 2000-5 warplanes and short- and medium-range missiles.

"We are firmly against the sale of weapons to Taiwan by any countries that have diplomatic relations with China," a Foreign Ministry spokesman said.

The spokesman refused to comment further on the Mirages, which are produced by the French firm Dassault, and the MICA medium-range and Magic 2 short-range missiles made by Matra.

Two other French firms, the radar manufacturer Thomson and the engine-maker SNECMA, have reportedly co-signed the sale, estimated to be worth \$3.8 billion.

As is usual with such transactions, the French government declined to provide public confirmation that the much-discussed sale had been formally concluded. The China Times Express, a Taiwan newspaper, reported Wednesday that the deal had been made.

A more extensive Chinese reaction could be forthcoming Thursday, when the Foreign Ministry is scheduled to conduct a regular briefing for the foreign press.

In recent months Beijing has warned that the sale could set back Chinese-French relations.

"We will not be pleased to see a setback in Chinese-French relations or to see such relations seriously undermined," Foreign Minister Qian Qichen said in May. "But if the French side should proceed with this deal in spite of our representations then we will be forced into some reactions."

Mr. Qian reiterated China's opposition during talks with his French counterpart, Roland Dumas, in late September.

Mr. Dumas and Mr. Qian met again on Nov. 8 in Beijing to talk about Cambodia. Mr. Dumas had said that the question of the Mirage sale was not raised.

On the diplomatic front Chinese sanctions could include the recalling of its ambassador from Paris, which would probably lead to the recalling of the French envoy from Beijing.

But analysts stressed that China might be reluctant to do that because its embassy in Paris is one of its chief overseas representations. (AFP, AP, UPI)

# Yeltsin, in Seoul, Seeks Friendship and Funds

*The Associated Press*  
**SEOUL** — President Boris N. Yeltsin of Russia arrived in South Korea on Wednesday to sign a treaty pledging new cooperation between the two former adversaries on which he is counting to produce large investments to help revive the sagging Russian economy.

He is to sign the treaty with South Korea's president, Roh Tae Woo, on Thursday. The pact provides for regular consultations between the leaders of both countries and the development of links between parliaments and citizens groups.

In a companion measure, the defense ministers of both countries are to sign a protocol on military cooperation calling for exchange visits by high-level officers and naval vessels and mutual invitations to observe military exercises.

Also figuring on the agenda is South Korea's demand for the flight data recorder from a South Korean airline that a Soviet jet fighter shot down in 1983, killing all 269 aboard.

The downing of KAL Flight 007 caused deep strains in East-West relations at the time and is still a highly emotional issue here. Hours before Mr. Yeltsin's arrival, about 40 victims' families demonstrated in central Seoul, shouting, "Yeltsin go home."

South Koreans hope the recorder will give them a better idea of why the plane strayed into Soviet air space. Kremlin officials at the time accused the aircraft of being on a spy mission, a charge the South Koreans deny.

Russia recently made public a transcript of the voice recording, and Mr. Yeltsin has promised to turn over the recorder to the International Civil Aviation Organization.

Other major topics include North Korea's suspected nuclear arms program. Seoul officials said, Mr. Yeltsin's trip is his first to Asia since he took office in June 1991.

# UN May Give Peace Deadline to Khmer Rouge

*Agence France-Press*  
**UNITED NATIONS, New York** — The Security Council may set a Jan. 31 deadline for the Khmer Rouge guerrillas to rejoin the Cambodian peace process or be left out of the elections scheduled for the spring, according to diplomats.

A resolution still being drafted says the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia "will proceed with preparations for free and fair elections" to be held in April and May 1993 in all areas of Cambodia to which the UN force "has full and free access" on Jan. 31, 1993.

After that date, if the Khmer Rouge still rejects the peace process, the radical Marxist faction would miss out on the elections, the diplomats said. Voting in areas under Khmer Rouge control would be held later and separately, if at all, they added.

The sources emphasized that the draft resolution could still be changed and that the British-backed idea of setting a deadline for the Khmer Rouge was not supported by all 15 members of the Security Council.

The Khmer Rouge is refusing to disarm or to allow UN peacekeepers into areas under its control as called for under a UN-brokered peace agreement signed last year.

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# Disaffected Voters In France May Turn Assembly Greener

**By Alan Riding**  
*New York Times Service*

PARIS — With French politics in disarray four months before crucial parliamentary elections, two environmental groups have acted to win over voters disenchanted with mainstream political parties.

Generation Ecologie and the Greens, which won 7.1 percent and 6.5 percent of votes respectively in regional elections this spring, pointedly described an accord between them as "not a marriage contract," because they have agreed only to run single candidates in elections next March.

But they are already making the governing Socialist Party and the two main conservative opposition parties nervous, not because France is being swept by an environmentalist fever, but because many French seem eager to vote against what they disparagingly call "the political class."

This became dramatically apparent in France's national referendum on the Treaty on European Union on Sept. 20. Although the leaders of all three establishment parties called for ratification of the treaty, it was almost rejected; 49 percent voted against it.

More than trying to sell a green message, then, the *écologistes*, as they are known, hope to present themselves simply as an alternative both to the traditional parties and to the far-right National Front, which also often captures protest votes.

They have not set their sights too high for March; but they are confident that together they can win 17 percent to 18 percent of the vote, which could mean as many as 30 seats in the 577-member National Assembly even under France's two-round electoral system, which favors large parties in second-round runoffs.

Since neither environmental party is currently represented in the assembly, this would at least give them a chance to show that they are different from other parties, not least by breathing life into a parliament that today is almost irrelevant to the country's political life.

The environment has been lost in all the politicking going on before the March vote.

Even when Generation Ecologie and the Greens held special assemblies last weekend to approve their electoral pact, there was little discussion of ecological issues, with a share of power seemingly more important to them than, say, clean air.

The unanswered question, then, is whether they will soon pick up the bad habits of the mainstream parties.

Already, for example, they have postponed debate about the 1995 presidential elections because each of their leaders — Brice Lalonde of Generation Ecologie and Antoine Waechter of the Greens — wants to be the single *écologiste* standard-bearer.

## EUROPEAN TOPICS

### Three Centuries Of Pent-Up Demand?

Booksellers surveyed in Paris reported "high" to "extraordinary" demand for the Roman Catholic Church's new catechism, which went on sale Wednesday, priced at 139 francs (about \$25). The 672-page compendium — the church's first such revision since the Council of Trent tried to define Catholic beliefs in the mid-16th century — was published in France ahead of other countries since French was the Vatican team's working language. About 80 percent of the French are Catholic, though the number of practicing Catholics is generally put at about one-fifth that level.

### Too Much Water In Italy's Wine

"You can forget about this year," the Italian wine trader said. After a tour of vineyards in the country's south, his verdict on the grape crop: "Good enough to eat — but to drink? No." The problem: Wine growers in Italy, the world's biggest producer, were hard hit by heavy rains this spring, which came after 20 unusually dry years and some excellent recent vintages. Unfortunately, if Italian weather forecasters are to be believed, the outlook is for continued gloom.

They say this could be the beginning of a rainy cycle that itself could last 20 years. Luckily, most wine growers still have plentiful stocks of good quality wine, which they can mix with this year's thin and sour version to make a decent table wine.

### Around Europe

The woman, on a shopping trip, had parked her Mercedes in an unguarded lot and was getting out when she felt a gun jammed into her back. She was forced to drive to the edge of the city, where she was robbed and shoved out of the car. Washington? Detroit? No, this was Nuremberg, Germany. It has not begun to approach the level of the problem in big U.S. cities — only a dozen cases have been reported in Germany this year, compared with 1,200 last year in New York — but the police see the beginning of a trend. Auto thefts in Germany climbed from 67,000 in 1989 to 89,000 last year.

Who are Europe's biggest polyglots? Among students, Luxemburgers lead the pack, speaking an average of 2.7 foreign languages. They are followed by the Danes (1.8) and the Dutch (1.6). Far behind are the British (0.5), the Irish (0.4) and the East Germans (0.4).

But since reunification, German is the first language of the largest number of Europeans — 92 million in Germany, Switzerland, Austria and Liechtenstein. That beats the 61 million Francophones of France, Belgium, Lux-



A worker stacking barrels of Beaujolais Nouveau in the cellar of a Parisian vintner. The first of about 20 million bottles of the 1992 vintage will be tasted around the world on Thursday.

embourg and Switzerland, and the 60.5 million Anglophones in Britain and Ireland.

The Dutch government plans to ban around 10,000 slot machines to stem what it said was an alarming rise in gambling addiction. The ban, which would take more than a year to put into ef-

fect, would affect those machines that make rare but very large payouts, most common in cafes. A Dutch spokesman estimated that up to 40,000 of the country's 15 million people spend more than a quarter of their income on game-playing.

Brian Knowlton

## SKETCHES: Fact or Fantasy?

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face. "My dear Gauguin," Van Gogh wrote on Oct. 14, 1888, to his friend, the painter Paul Gauguin, who was coming to stay with him in Arles. "For the room where you will be staying I have made a decoration, the garden of a poet. . . . The banal garden contains plants and bushes that remind you of landscapes where one easily finds Botticelli, Giotto, Petrarca, Dante and Boccaccio. . . . And I also wanted to paint this garden in such a way as to make you think of the old poet from here (or, rather, from Avignon) Petrarch and of the new poet from here — Paul Gauguin."

The analysis at the press conference also pointed out line drawings of figures that resembled well-known paintings of Petrarca and Rembrandt, both of whom Van Gogh mentioned repeatedly in a letter to the painter Emile Bernard around the same time.

In another letter, dated September 1888, Van Gogh wrote his brother and benefactor Theo: "It is good for me to do things that are difficult. Notwithstanding the fact that I have a terrible need for — dare I say the word — religion, so I go outside at night to paint the stars, and I dream always of a painting like the one with a group of living figures and friends."

As if the artist were sharing a private joke with his friends, two other sketches, "The Gleize Bridge" and "The Port of Marignac," have words and images embedded in them, including more self-portraits and the outlines of known paintings of Gauguin and Bernard.

Two French experts said the materials used in the drawings were

consistent with the second half of the 19th century, and the style of the handwriting is that of the artist. "No anachronisms were found in the analysis of the paper," said Pierre Corbousse, the head of fiduciary security at the National Print Works, where he authenticates passports, checks and paper money.

The black ink shows tiny brilliant specks, consistent with the product at that time, and the charcoal left small gray spots and tiny wood fibers.

Similarly, Gilles Giessner, a graphology expert for the appeals court of Aix-en-Provence in southern France, said the "Vincent" signatures and other words, such as "Gleize" and "88," were consistent with the artist's style.

That Mr. Platerotti and his companion, Valerie Noizelet — a former showgirl at Paris's Crazy Horse club — could, by pure chance, buy what some are convinced are Van Gogh's seems the unlikely part of the story.

A former hotel owner who went bankrupt and then opened a clothing store in Aix-en-Provence, Mr. Platerotti regularly visited bric-a-brac dealers in southern France, who often buy entire lots of deceased persons' belongings, then resell what they can. In the spring of 1990, Mr. Platerotti came across the drawings at a dealer near Arles, and bought them for about \$80.

He has spent the past two and a half years trying to authenticate them definitively, and will exhibit them in Paris in the spring.

"They are not for sale," Mr. Platerotti said Wednesday. "Most of all we want to show them, and pay homage to the artist."

## COLONY: Alarm Rises on China

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people," said Joseph Cheng, dean of the faculty at City Polytechnic. "They all desire democracy but the status quo is quite good and they are afraid to upset it."

So far, however, despite an unusually fierce campaign to bring the governor down, both Mr. Patten and his proposals still receive wide backing in public opinion surveys. The governor also won a crucial vote of support in the colony's Legislative Council last week by a wider margin than expected.

### U.K. Underscores Support of Patten

*New York Times Service*

LONDON — Britain reiterated its plans on Wednesday to introduce more democracy to Hong Kong before returning the colony to Chinese rule in 1997 but called on China to bring forward counter-proposals if it has objections.

Hong Kong's governor, Chris Patten, said that failing some new agreement with China, Britain would go ahead with the changes even if Beijing continued to object.

In what appeared to be an effort to ease the mounting strains between London and Beijing on the issue, Mr. Patten said after meeting here with Prime Minister John Major that Britain wanted "calm and constructive and rational discussions" with China. He said the prime minister continued to back the plan strongly.

On Wednesday, Japan's consul general in Hong Kong voiced support for the governor's program, joining recent endorsements from Australia, Canada and the United States. Finally, Mr. Patten, who is visiting London this week, has received the backing of Prime Minister John Major, the country's two principal opposition parties and the British news media.

In the face of that kind of resolve — in favor of proposals that most observers agree would bring only nominal increases in democracy — optimists believe Beijing will ultimately bend. Pursuing a hard line would risk endangering China's economic reform program as well as diplomatic ties that have only recently been renewed in the wake of the 1989 crackdown on pro-democracy demonstrators. Beijing's treatment of Hong Kong is also watched closely on Taiwan, which the mainland has been trying to woo with the same "one country, two systems" model it has promised Hong Kong.

But another school points out that China on many occasions has taken actions that have been clearly inimical to its best interests, the 1989 crackdown in which hundreds were killed being the most recent example. It is that record that has many people worried.

"They are the only people who would, in their own words, pick up a rock and drop it on their own feet," said T. L. Tim, a political commentator in the colony, referring to a catchphrase commonly used by leftists during the Cultural Revolution.

## DOVES: Acting to Restrain Rabin

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with rocket attacks from Hezbollah guerrillas in February, launched a military strike against them in two Lebanese villages north of the "security zone," pushing aside United Nations peacekeeping forces in the process.

The strength of the doves in Mr. Rabin's cabinet could have important ramifications for the Middle East peace talks, putting a brake on ambitious military entanglements that might interrupt or endanger the negotiations.

Yaron Ezrahi, a political scientist at Hebrew University, said that if the talks were to break up it would be considered a major setback for Mr. Rabin's leadership. "You can see the forces of Rabin's cabinet are quite sensitive to this, and are not willing to take the risks that unpredictable elements of intervention could create," Mr. Ezrahi said.

Mr. Rabin, who also serves as defense minister, initially reacted to the latest round of rocketing by ordering the massive buildup at the border, including a tripling of Israel's force of heavy artillery there. But then the cabinet gathered to decide what to do next, and the talk turned to restraint, not retaliation. According to sources, there was an intense debate among the cabinet at a meeting on Nov. 10. As they sat listening to Ehud Barak, the army chief of staff, the sources said,

many cabinet members, particularly those from the leftist Meretz bloc and the ultraorthodox Shas party, questioned whether such an operation was worth it.

According to sources, the 17 ministers were divided, and Mr. Rabin prevailed by only a narrow margin in getting authority to act. After the meeting, Mr. Rabin's office announced that he had given all necessary authority to take whatever action was required. Had the Hezbollah fired more rockets at Israel, Mr. Rabin would probably have used the authority and launched the operation, officials said.

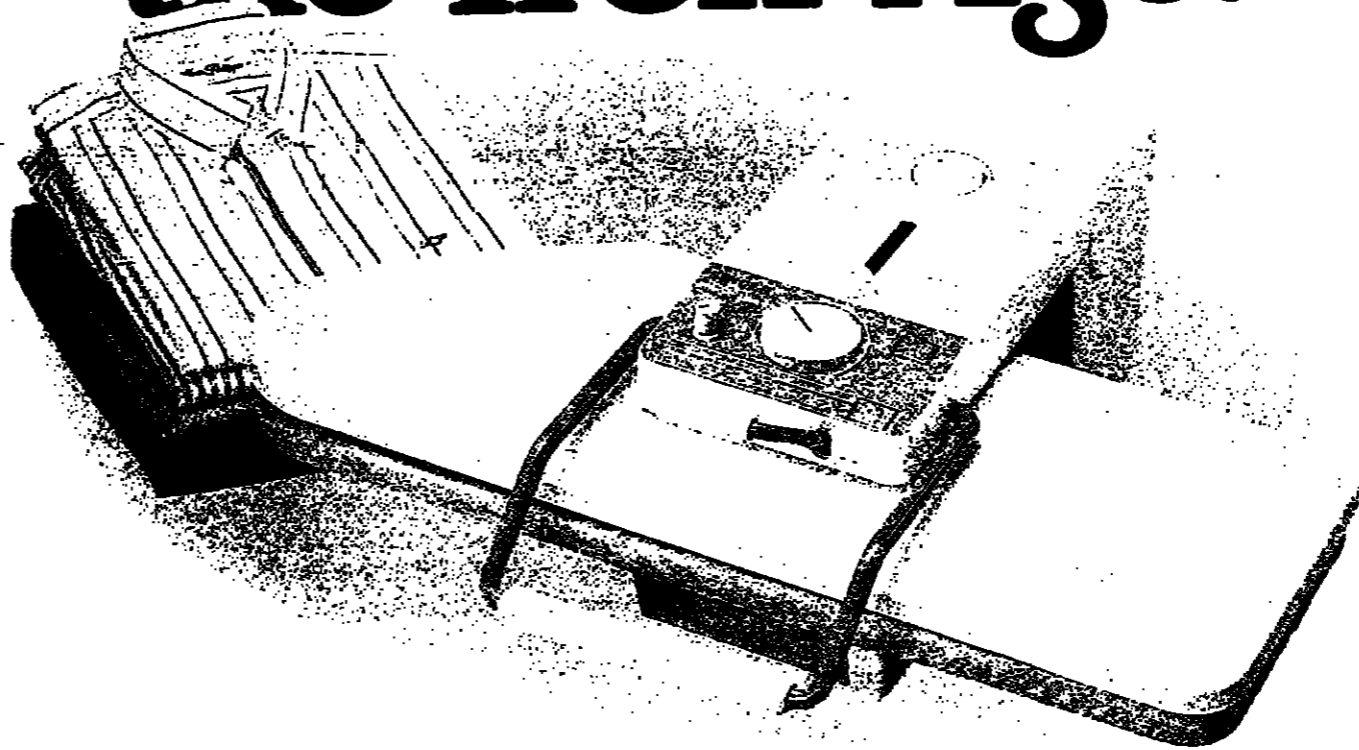
The sources said, however, that the cabinet was told by military and intelligence officers that every Israeli offensive against Hezbollah has been followed by a reciprocal attack, and a new drive might only aggravate the situation.

Mr. Rabin later publicly cited this as the reason he wanted to de-escalate and return to the previous "rules of the game" — fighting Hezbollah within the security zone.

**Man Lost After Avalanche**  
*Reuters*

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Origins of Syphilis: Archaeological Clues It May Have Existed in Europe

By John Noble Wilford New York Times Service

NEW YORK — Among human bones from pre-Columbian America and Europe, scientists are finding distinctive scars, some like the patterns in worn-ent wood, that could be decisive clues in one of the enduring mysteries of medical history: Where did syphilis originate, and how and why did it erupt with epidemic violence in Europe at the end of the 15th century?

The latest clues are etched in bones discovered in the cemetery of an ancient Greek colony in southern Italy. These bones, and two other skeletons examined recently in England, could be the first unequivocal evidence of the presence of the organism causing syphilis in Europe before Columbus.

paleopathology said many of the skulls, nasal and leg bones and teeth showed the characteristic ravages from the class of bacteria called treponemes, which when transmitted sexually leads to syphilis.

The cemetery, discovered in an olive grove near the ancient town of Metaponto, occupied by Greeks from 600 to 250 B.C., was excavated by Dr. Joseph C. Carter, a classical archaeologist at the University of Texas at Austin. Analysis of what the skeletons reveal of the colony's health was conducted by Dr. Maciej Henneberg and Dr. Renata Henneberg, anatomists at the University of Witwatersrand in Johannesburg.

The initial reaction of anthropologists was one of surprise and caution. "I would not like to see for myself what they are describing," said Dr. John W. Verano, an anthropologist at the Smithsonian Institution.

UT Dr. Donald J. Ortner, another Smithsonian anthropologist, who has just returned from examining two skeletons in England, said the Hennebergs' results should not be surprising in view of what he had found. He said the two skeletons, dating from before 1420, contained the kind of bone damage caused by treponematosis, a group of allied diseases including syphilis and yaws. Some of the skull lesions are "classic syphilis" evidence, he said.

"More and more evidence is coming in indicating that treponematosis was in Europe before Columbus," Dr. Ortner said Monday. "I've argued for a long time that it ought to be in Europe, and it was just a matter of finding it."

According to the pre-Columbian hypothesis, syphilis was already in Europe, probably misdiagnosed as leprosy. Even the biblical term "leprosy" could have referred to syphilis. King David suffered from shooting pains and his "loins are filled with a loathsome disease," He suspected Bathsheba.

In this interpretation, the sudden outbreaks of syphilis at the end of the 15th century occurred because of increasing travel around the continent and papal edicts closing the leper asylums. Patients who might be carrying the syphilis infection were thus released, spreading the disease. Physicians also began to recognize syphilis as distinct from leprosy.



National Geographic Research and Exploration

New Discovery in Europe's Past

Although a consensus was developing that the origin of syphilis was in the Americas, a recent excavation of bones in a Greek cemetery at Metaponto in southern Italy suggests that the disease did afflict inhabitants of the Old World before Columbus.



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Confused diagnosis?

In medieval Europe, the symptoms and transmission of leprosy were inaccurately described and, some researchers contend, many leprosy cases may have actually been syphilis.



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Epidemic in Europe

Increasing numbers of people living in cities and traveling and other demographic factors were kindling for the epidemic that erupted in Europe after Columbus returned.

New Look at Lead Danger Even Tiny Amounts Can Be Harmful

By Jane E. Brody New York Times Service

NEW YORK — Beverly Mielke was a three-year-old who in 1984 lived in a well-kept middle-class home in St. Paul, Minnesota. So what was she doing with lead poisoning? The problem was eventually traced to a lead-contaminated sandbox at her day-care center.

As Beverly's case shows, a child does not have to be poor or live in dilapidated housing to suffer permanent intellectual impairment from low-level lead poisoning. Lead is a widespread environmental pollutant, and new studies show that it is an insidious poison that can damage affluent white children as easily as it can harm the poor black children who are its most frequent victims.

The new studies support the concern of federal health officials, who describe lead poisoning as the No. 1 environmental problem facing children. The findings counter assertions from the lead industry that genetic and socioeconomic factors are mainly responsible for the lowered intelligence that has been linked to lead.

Studies following children from before birth show that exposure to levels of lead that were long considered safe can lower intelligence and that the effects are noted in middle-class and affluent white children as well as in poor black and Hispanic children. The studies also show that lead damage to the brain can start even before birth if the pregnant woman has elevated levels of lead in her body.

millions of Americans. The use of lead in plumbing is now banned, but it can still get into drinking water from old water pipes that contain lead.

House dust is a common source of lead for young children, who pick up the dust on their hands and then put their hands in their mouths. The dust can become contaminated with lead from the air and from flaking house paint that contains lead.

Young children absorb far more lead than adults exposed to the same levels, and absorption is highest among those with iron deficiency, a problem especially prevalent among poor children. Children in inner cities live in old homes with flaking lead-based paint and are especially vulnerable because they often live in areas where lead contamination from industry and vehicles is high.

Lead was once considered a hazard only if blood levels were high enough to produce obvious physical symptoms. But more recently and at very low levels that cause no outward symptoms of poisoning, it has been shown to wreak havoc with the developing nervous system. This prompted a redefinition of lead poisoning in children as 25 or more micrograms of lead per 100 deciliters of blood.

IN BRIEF

New Theory on Tiny Male Puzzle

WASHINGTON (WP) — Naturalists have wondered for years why certain species demonstrate extreme differences in the size of adults of different sexes. Now two scientists, writing in the British journal Nature, offer a new theory to account for the puzzling of many male spiders.

Fritz Vollrath, of the University of Oxford, and Geoff A. Parker, of the University of Liverpool, studied a type of spider, called Nephila clavipes, whose males are a third the size of the females. In order to mate, the males are forced to seek out sedentary females, and in the course of their hazardous travels suffer mortality that is nine times higher than the stay-at-home females, and three times higher than juveniles of either sex.

Predator Can Tune In on Prey

WASHINGTON (WP) — In a remarkable example of "convergent evolution," a type of parasitic fly that preys on crickets has developed hearing organs that, in structure and function, are much more like its hosts' than its brethren's flies.

In much of the fly's body, its anatomy, flies and crickets bear little resemblance. Moreover, flies and mosquitoes communicate at much lower frequencies and over much shorter distances than crickets. So why would a fly prey on a cricket that is specifically optimized to hear singing crickets?

These parasitic creatures use the cricket's autotom as a sort of incubator, rewarding the singer by depositing a load of maggots on or near him. The maggots burrow into the cricket and feed on him, killing the host within days. The flies emerge as mature larvae.

Sewage Enters Sea Food Chain

NEW YORK (NYT) — Scientists have found evidence that organic material from sewage sludge dumped in the deep sea off New Jersey has entered the food chain of bottom-dwelling animals. The dumping was permanently halted in July because of concern for the environment.

Japanese Scientists Gamble on Cold Fusion

By Andrew J. Pollack New York Times Service

NAGOYA, Japan — Hideo Ikegami was directing a Japanese research project in nuclear fusion in 1989 when reports came from the United States that two scientists at the University of Utah claimed to have produced the phenomenon in a jar.

At a time when many scientists in the United States and Europe have dismissed the idea of room-temperature fusion as an illusion, Japan is pursuing the field with, if not universal enthusiasm, then at least an open mind.

Japan, which is totally dependent on imports for its oil, is so anxious to develop alternative energy sources that even a long shot is worth pursuing.

While the U.S. Department of Energy is not supporting cold fusion research, Japan's Ministry of International Trade and Industry recently decided to spend up to 3 billion yen, or \$25 million, over the next four years on what it calls "new hydrogen energy."

A company linked to Toyota Motor Co. is financing the research of B. Stanley Pons and Martin Fleischmann, who first claimed to have discovered cold fusion. And a Japanese

precious metals company, Tanaka Kikin-zoku, has become the main donor of palladium, the metal needed for cold fusion, to research labs throughout the world.

Japan's interest in the subject was highlighted when seven Japanese scientific societies sponsored the Third International Conference on Cold Fusion here last month, which was attended by 200 Japanese scientists and more than 100 from abroad.

Dependent on one's point of view, the conference was either a turning point in which evidence was presented that would convince the skeptics that cold fusion exists or a religious revival where claims of miracles were lapped up by ardent believers.

so that taming fusion for energy production is expected to take decades and cost billions of dollars.

But cold fusion researchers think they have created fusion, or perhaps some other unknown reaction that produces a lot of energy, at room temperature by sending an electric current into palladium and platinum electrodes that are immersed in a jar of heavy water, which is rich in the deuterium. If this is true, it could lead to development of a virtually unlimited supply of inexpensive energy.

Skeptics say the Japanese activity should not be a guide for the United States. "Many of the mistakes that I saw in the United States are now being made in Japan," said John R. Huizenga, an emeritus professor of chemistry and physics at the University of Rochester. Dr. Huizenga co-chaired a federal review panel in 1989 that concluded that the chances of energy production from the new approach were too remote to justify much government funding.

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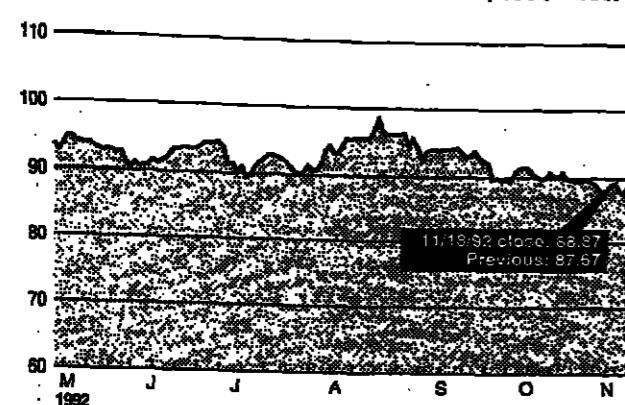
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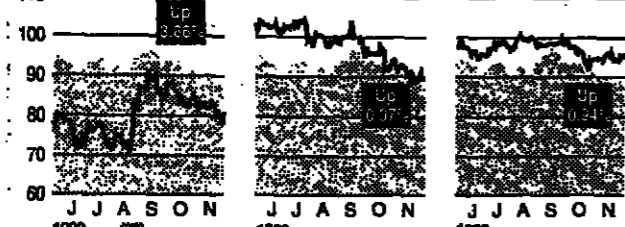


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represent major newspapers, are shunned. But pressure from abroad had been muted, in part because most foreign reporters had little need to cover events as closely as their Japanese colleagues...

Gloom Hangs Over Tokyo Stock Rally

By James Sterngold. TOKYO — Reports that the government had urged big institutions to launch a buying campaign sent Japanese share prices surging on Wednesday...

"I cannot confirm this, but it seems there has been some buying from public pension funds," said Yasuhiko Jinza, manager of the stock investment department at Nippon Life Insurance Co., Japan's largest stockholder.

Paris May Delay GATT Collision Until Deal Is Set

By Tom Redburn. PARIS — The French government, playing largely to a domestic audience, came out officially Wednesday against any agreement between the United States and the European Community to curb farm subsidies...

While welcome, the opening of the Foreign Ministry press club does little to help Bloomberg or Reuters compete against Japan's financial news services led by Jiji Tsushin and Nikkei.

Paradoxically, France is among the nations that stand to gain the most from the overall trade agreement being considered by the 108 nations of the Geneva-based General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

Swedish Krona Drops Sharply Against Mark

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Jump in U.S. Exports Slims Trade Gap

By Lawrence Malkin. NEW YORK — U.S. exports snapped back in September and helped shrink the trade deficit, the Commerce Department reported Wednesday...

Greenspan Says Bank Crunch Is Off

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MARKET DIARY

Blue Chips Break 4-Day Losing Streak

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK — Bargain-seekers latching onto recent losses on the New York Stock Exchange helped blue chips post their first gain in a week on Wednesday. But smaller stocks again stole the show, helped by healthy gains in technology and medical-related companies.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed 14.05 points higher at 3,207.37, rebounding from a 12-point drop on Tuesday. Exxon and Alcoa accounted for one-third of the gain.

Dollar Closes Mixed As Trading Grows Thin

NEW YORK — The dollar ended mixed Wednesday in cautious and nervous trading, despite an encouraging report that the U.S. trade deficit shrank.

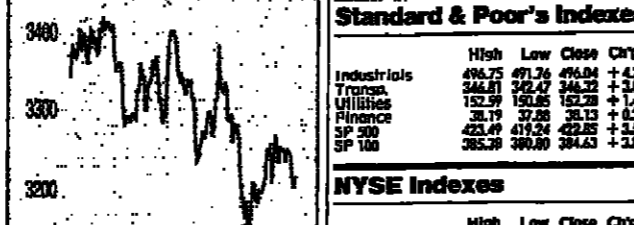
Those who want dollars have already bought them, said Marc Chandler, senior strategist for

IDEA, "and as businesses close their operations for the year they are worried about liquidity, leading some to sell dollars."

Mr. Chandler said the market had already factored in the Commerce Department's report that the U.S. trade deficit narrowed in September as further evidence of the economy's quickening pace.

Bill English, senior trader for Banc National dell'Agicoltura, noted the dollar dipped immediately after the report, and that traders moved in when it became a bargain.

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Report Cites U.S. High-Tech Losses

WASHINGTON (LAT) — All but one of America's 11 key high-technology industries lost ground in the 1980s to foreign competitors, especially Japan, according to a new government report.

Of the 11 industries, only the pharmaceutical industry held its dominant global position in the last decade, according to a study conducted by the General Accounting Office for Senator Lloyd M. Bentsen, Democrat of Texas, the chairman of the Senate Finance Committee.

Other American companies producing goods ranging from aircraft to supercomputers saw their world market shares decline during the decade, while Japan virtually took over manufacture of factory robots and consumer electronics, the study said.

Milken Protégé Avoids Prison Term

NEW YORK (NYT) — In a case that saw Michael R. Milken give his account of wrongdoing at Drexel Burnham Lambert Inc. during its mid-1980s heyday, a judge ruled Wednesday in U.S. District Court in Manhattan that a former protégé of Mr. Milken's will not go to prison for paying a kickback to a Drexel customer.

Judge Louis L. Stanton gave Alan E. Rosenthal a one-year suspended prison sentence, fined him \$250,000, ordered him to perform 300 hours of community service and placed him on three years' probation. For his conviction on a single felony charge, Mr. Rosenthal could have been sent to prison for up to three years.

Mr. Rosenthal was charged with performing illegal favors, at Mr. Milken's request, for David B. Solomon, an important Drexel customer. He was convicted on the one count, but was not guilty of four more serious crimes, including charges that he helped Mr. Solomon claim \$1.6 million in bogus income-tax losses and embezzle \$2 million from a pension fund.

Hewlett-Packard Earnings Fall 46%

PALO ALTO, California (Bloomberg) — Hewlett-Packard Co., the third-largest U.S. computer maker, reported on Wednesday that its fourth-quarter net income plunged 46 percent as increased competition drove down margins.

The earnings of \$68 million, or 28 cents a share, were down from \$125 million, or 50 cents a share, in the year-earlier period. They were also far below a consensus forecast of about 88 cents a share published by Zacks Investment Research Inc.

The company took a \$137 million pretax charge for restructuring, which cut 36 cents a share off fourth-quarter net. A year ago, fourth-quarter restructuring charges were 40 cents a share.

Apple Approves New Stock Buy-Back

CUPERTINO, California (UPI) — Apple Computer Inc., showing confidence in its ability to maintain its strong position in personal computers, said Wednesday it had approved a program to repurchase up to 10 million shares, or 8 percent, of its common stock in the open market from time to time.

Apple said that was in addition to 1.4 million shares remaining to be repurchased under a previous authorization. Apple has repurchased 38.6 million shares since July 1986.

The company also declared a dividend of 12 cents a share for the fourth quarter, ended Sept. 25. Apple stock rose \$2.50 to \$57.75 a share in over-the-counter trading and was the top dollar-volume issue traded Wednesday on the Nasdaq system.

For the Record

Westinghouse Electric Corp. said it was surprised Moody's Investors Service Inc. had lowered its debt rating without waiting for the company to complete a review on whether to sell or liquidate its ailing credit subsidiary. Moody's late Tuesday downgraded \$4.3 billion in long-term debt to the lowest investment-grade category.

Walvorne World Wide Inc., a footwear manufacturer based in Rockford, Michigan, cut 50 employees from its headquarters staff of 543 and decided not to renew contracts with consultants, concluding a two-year restructuring that is expected to save \$3 million by 1993. (Bloomberg)

GATT: France May Postpone a Showdown Until a Trade Deal Is Reached

(Continued from first finance page) activity over the next decade, according to a detailed study by the Paris-based Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development. Most farmers in France, because they have concentrated on high-value products like wine and cheese and are generally more efficient than elsewhere in Europe, would gain market share.

Yet even though the economic winners would vastly outnumber the losers in France, those farmers who would suffer the most are well-organized and say they are prepared to use violence to try to get their way.

That leaves the French government, already shaky, with little room for maneuver. On one hand, Mr. Mitterand is afraid of seeing a modern-day agrarian revolt that would probably sweep the Socialist Party out of office in parliamentary

elections next year, leaving him to preside over a conservative government. On the other, France does not want to spark an EC crisis by trying to block a trade agreement that the rest of the Community may be willing to accept.

Paris's options, however, are limited. France would need the support of either one of its large European partners, such as Germany or Italy, or at least two of the smaller mem-

bers, such as Spain and Ireland, to block a deal. Its other alternative — to invoke the so-called Luxembourg agreement allowing a veto when one EC member considers its vital national interests are threatened — probably would persuade other EC nations to agree to a delay but would not necessarily permit France to block an agreement forever.

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**Wednesday's Prices**  
NASDAQ prices as of 4 p.m. New York time. This list compiled by the AP, consists of the 1,000 most traded securities in terms of dollar value. It is updated twice a year.

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Astra Says Toyota Is a Buyer

buyers in an apparent violation of disclosure rules. The Soeryadajaya family was forced to sell the shares for some 400 billion rupiah (\$195 million) to raise money to prop up an ailing family enterprise, Bank Summa.

Mr. Sumitro said Astra was in good shape and the Soeryadajaya family's troubles would not affect the group. "Astra's position is strong enough to go on," he said.

Wireless Phone From Japan

NEW YORK — Japan is experimenting with wireless telephones that are cheaper and may be available sooner than the latest U.S. versions under development, according to a long-distance carrier.

Thai Stocks Fall After Crackdown

BANGKOK — Stock prices fell sharply Wednesday after a crackdown on illegal trading practices on the Bangkok stock exchange, and analysts said they expected further declines on Thursday.

Taipei and Bonn to Boost Trade Ties

TAIPEI — Taiwan and Germany have agreed to encourage trade and investment between them and to discuss direct air links, Economics Minister Jürgen Möllemann of Germany said Wednesday.

80 Billion Won Missing From Korean Bank

SEOUL — An investigation of the suicide of a branch manager of Commercial Bank of Korea has revealed that 80.6 billion won (\$102.6 million) is missing, a senior bank official said Wednesday.

Toyota and Nissan Hit By Sharp Drop in Sales

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches TOKYO — Japan's new car market slumped again in October as the top two automakers, Toyota Motor Corp. and Nissan Motor Co., reported sharp declines in both sales and production.

Investor's Asia table with columns for Hong Kong, Singapore, and Tokyo. Includes sub-tables for Exchange Index, Hang Seng, Straits Times, Nikkei 225, and various stock indices.

Order to Join Units Upsets Daewoo

SEOUL — Daewoo Corp. is dismayed by a government decision to order the group to merge its shipbuilding and heavy industry subsidiaries, but has not yet decided how to respond, a group spokesman said Wednesday.

Very briefly: Japan Tobacco Inc., Japan's monopoly tobacco producer, reported a decline of 1.7 percent in current profit, to 57,464 billion yen (\$460 million), for the six months ended Sept. 30.

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SPORTS SOCCER

Courier Reins In Krajicek, Sampras Defeats Edberg

By Ian Thomsen International Herald Tribune FRANKFURT — Jim Courier, leaning across the net, was slapping Richard Krajicek across the chops, shouting, "Grow up!"

In just the third game, on a vicious overhead return that seemed drive Courier backcourt.

From that point Krajicek was throwing his racket, after slipping over what should have been an easy point, and arguing calls. And while Krajicek fumbled with his serve, Courier hacked away at him, finally enforcing a fifth break point to even the set.

In the night's second encounter, Petr Sampras, the defending champion and the most impressive player here so far, beat Stefan Edberg, 6-3, 3-6, 7-5, in a rematch of the U.S. Open final.



Jim Courier had his problems before outlasting Richard Krajicek, 6-7 (4-7), 7-6 (7-1), 7-5.

Skiing Dispute Resolved for TV

GENEVA — Television viewers in Austria, Germany and Switzerland will be able to watch World Cup Alpine skiing this season after all.

SIDELINES

Bowe Offered \$12 Million by Lewis

LONDON (AP) — World heavyweight champion Riddick Bowe has been offered \$12 million to defend his title against Britain's Lennox Lewis in England next April.

For the Record

China will stage its first automobile race in March on a Monte Carlo-style street circuit in the southern city of Zhuhai to publicize the construction of a multimillion-dollar grand prix venue, the China News Service said in Hong Kong.

Gascoigne Scores Twice, England Routs Turkey

The Associated Press Paul Gascoigne scored twice Wednesday night in Wembley Stadium, inspiring England's soccer team to a 4-0 romp over Turkey in a European qualifying match for the 1994 World Cup.

Sampdoria, made a mistake that left Hakan with only goalkeeper Chris Woods to beat.

Jets' Future Looking Decidedly European

The Associated Press The Winnipeg Jets' future was on display, and from all indications it is a promising one for the National Hockey League season.

CSKA Matches in Germany

CSKA Moscow was ordered Wednesday by UEFA to play all three of its home matches in the Club Champions Cup final round in Germany.

McNeil Ousts Graf In Slims Shocker

New York Times Service NEW YORK — Lori McNeil delivered second-ranked Steffi Graf the most stunning defeat of her career in the opening round of the Virginia Slims Championships.

SCOREBOARD

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ART BUCHWALD Looking for a Read

WASHINGTON — Now that the election is over I felt it was time to catch up on my reading. I went to my local bookstore and asked Jim Stockard, the owner, what he would recommend.



Guarneri Violin Sold for \$207,000

LONDON — A Guarneri violin sold for \$207,000 on Wednesday, a record for a Guarneri, Christie's auction house said.

Thurn und Taxis: History Was for Sale

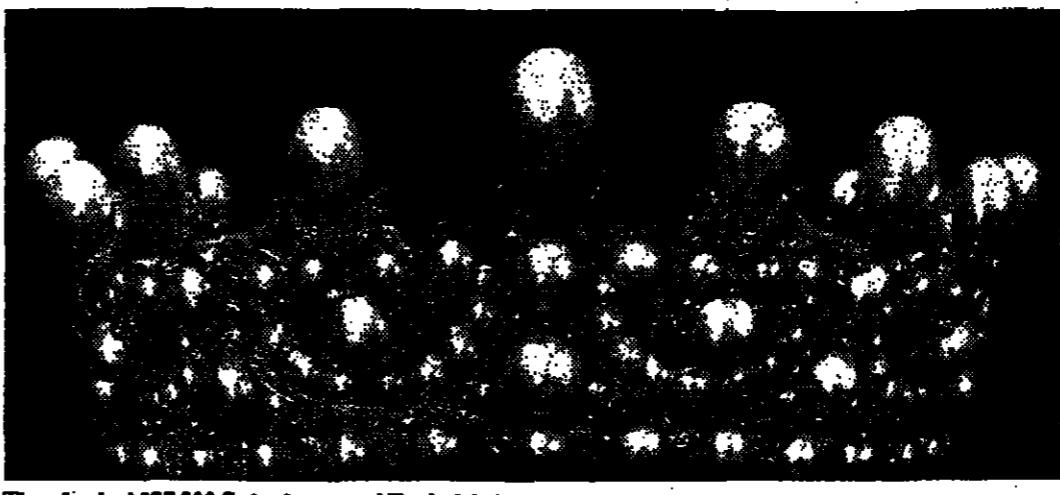
By Suren Melikian International Herald Tribune

GENEVA — The sale of silver and jewelry from the collection of the princely house of Thurn und Taxis organized by Sotheby's Tuesday at the Hôtel des Bergues in Geneva is one of those historical events that fall outside any known pattern.

It will not be replicated. No other German aristocratic family has retained such important holdings from the day they were acquired. Hence the remarkable score — 19.7 million Swiss francs (about \$13.6 million), leaving a negligible 14 lots out of 300 unsold.

The perennial power of a name steeped in history acted like a magic wand dispelling the gloom triggered by the recession. Suddenly dealers no longer suffered from cold feet.

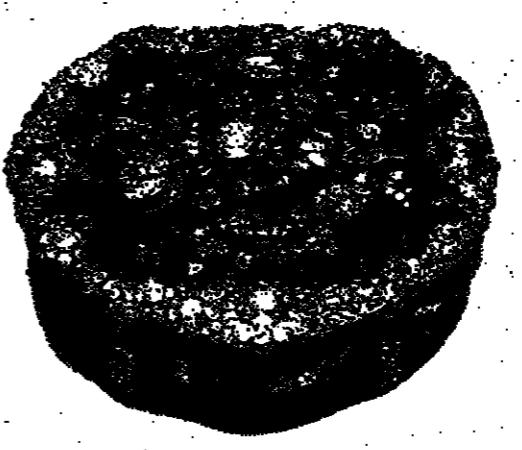
Belgium's two went after their own, paying even higher prices — Belgian silver is rare and collectors of it are numerous. Axel Vervoort pointed out. Vervoort, precisely, gave 33,000 francs to get four meat dishes of superb German Baroque design but made immensely rarer by the mark of Carolus Timmermans II of Brussels in the late 1730s.



Tara fetched 935,000 Swiss francs and Frederick the Great snuff box sold for 2.53 million francs.

Conclusive proof that art was hardly the issue came in the evening, devoted to jewelry and precious objects. This was kick-started into roaring success by the extraordinary case of a snuff box made around 1770 for Frederick the Great of Prussia.

There were also some "serious" baubles. A Cartier bracelet, with the ungracious stiffness of the 1930s but outstanding sapphires — well-matched, which made them more desirable — shot up to 59,000 Swiss francs. Two faceted emerald drops made a generous 924,000 Swiss francs, underbid by the Italian jeweler Gasparri of Valenza.



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With that exception, the handful of early pieces that would look well in jewelry museums did not do too well by comparison. Two tiaras, including one of beautiful design from the early 19th century, were bought in. A set of three opal and diamond brooches of advanced design for their time — around 1850 — would be worthy of the Victoria and Albert Museum.

PEOPLE

Mia's Valentine Card: A Knife in Her Heart

Mia Farrow, after learning Woody Allen was having an affair with her adopted daughter, Soon-Yi Farrow, 21, sent him this valentine: a family photograph pierced with a steak knife through her heart, Newsday reports.

Princess Diana's plea to parents to make their children feel wanted was interpreted by British royal watchers as addressed to Prince Charles. One tabloid called it a "swipe at her husband."

A federal jury ruled in New York that Bob Marley's widow, Rita, was not responsible for helping siphon more than \$20 million from the reggae star's \$30 million estate.

Betty Shabazz, the widow of Malcolm X, said Spike Lee's three-hour film was, if anything, too short. She was amused at how she was depicted: "I was not as self-assured as she was."

Mike Tyson, the former boxing champ serving a six-year prison term for raping Desiree Washington, now stands accused of infecting her with a venereal disease.

Rolling Stones guitarist Bill Wyman, 56, has gone to court in London over his 1989 divorce with Nancy Smith, 22. They are disputing the terms of the settlement, which have not been disclosed.

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WEATHER

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Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Includes a solution for the puzzle of Nov. 18.

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BOOKS

THE UGLY JAPANESE: Nippon's Economic Empire in Asia. By Friedemann Bartu. 287 pages. 29.90 Singapore dollars. Longman. Reviewed by George Hicks

BOOKS

More important is his evidence that the last decade has witnessed a silent but crucial revolution: the virtual Japanese economic conquest of East Asia.

BRIDGE

Obviously, from East's angle, there is a chance that the defense can take five heart tricks immediately. But it is a poor chance: South may have taken a chance on three no-trump with a small tripleton in hearts, but with a small doubton he would probably have taken a small route.

BRIDGE

By Alan Truscott WHEN Jimmy Jacob died early last year, he had a book in preparation. It is "Bridge Toolkit," and his co-author, Alan Falk, completed the work.



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